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PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

The present revision has been made to include recent progress and development in the art of energy control as applied in the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical energy.

The chapters on Storage Batteries, Potential Regulators and Lightning Arresters have been supplemented by descriptions of European apparatus and practice, as it is believed that knowledge of such practice will be of interest and value to American Engineers.

The entire book has been corrected and revised to accord with present practice and has been brought fully up to date.

The author desires to express his appreciation of the kind reception accorded the first edition. He hopes that in its revised form it will prove still more useful, and that it will continue to serve as a practical handbook to students and practicing engineers.

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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

In the last decade the electrical industry has developed to such an exceptional extent that it has become desirable to formulate some sort of rules and regulations which may be used as guides in the various problems of construction arising in every-day practice. Up to the present there has been published but little suitable literature dealing with the control of the generation and the distribution of electrical energy. The author therefore feels justified in offering this treatise to the technical public, with the hope that it may at least partially fill the void. Its object is to offer to the contractor and engineer, as well as to the student, material which will help them to understand the methods of handling electrical energy. It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the basic principles of electrical engineering, as well as with electrical machinery and the ordinary instruments. The aim has been throughout to restrict theoretical discussions as much as possible and to eliminate higher mathematics. The book is intended as a useful handbook for those concerned with practical problems.

I have limited the work to American power station engineering. The material represents exclusively present-day practice and the lines which future development may be expected to follow are pointed out.

All conclusions set forth herein are based on personal experience and a careful study of recognized standard constructions and the opinions of such authorities as Professor Charles P. Steinmetz, Dr. Louis Bell, Frank J. Sprague, W. C. Gotshall, Paul M. Lincoln, Professor Dr. F. Niethammer, Stephen G. Hayes, and others.

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ELECTRIC POWER PLANT ENGINEERING

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

WITH the development of modern systems of electric traction, power and light distribution, and with the increase in size of the electrical machines, it has become necessary to introduce a prompt and reliable means of control, which will serve at any time as an indicator of the quantity and efficiency of the power generation and distribution. The sub-division of systems into central and sub-stations, often far apart, has further made it imperative to protect expensive apparatus and machinery inside and outside the stations, against any harmful effects of disturbances in the system. These functions are performed by the "switchgear." Under this collective term we include all apparatus, instruments, cells, and compartments with their connections, as well as accessories and place of installation, as distinguished from the term "switchboard." Although this formerly referred to the then simple switching system in the station, it has come to apply to that part of the "switchgear" which is assembled on a row of slate or marble panels. The functions of the "switchgear" may be summed up as follows:

1. To start the machines, to maintain them in service, or to cut them out of the system.
2. To gather and distribute the electrical energy, to control its consumption and output, and to record its characteristic fluctuations.
3. To afford protection against disturbances due to short-circuits, lightning, overload, or other causes, either in the entire system, or in any individual portion of it.
4. To afford protection for operators. The switchgear in general is the flexible link between the source of supply and the consumer. In designing such a linkage, one must take into consideration the best economy, reliability, adaptability, and efficiency of the service in the near future, as well as the unknown conditions of the more remote future.

The main part of the switchgear is the switchboard. It constitutes the nerve center of the entire system, whence the four above-mentioned functions are performed. We distinguish between two kinds of switchboards.

A. Direct-control switchboards, which have all instruments and apparatus fastened on them (direct-current and low-tension alternating-current switchboards).

B. Distant-controlled switchboards, which have the busbars, oil switches, circuit breakers, etc., located away from the panel, and hence operated by means of cranks, levers, toggles, chains or gears, or by means of motors or solenoids (high-tension and extra high-tension switchboards).

In order to be able to perform its functions it must respond to the following conditions:¹

1. The apparatus and their manner of installation must be fire-proof (installed on slate or marble).

2. The conduits and connections which carry current must be so chosen as not to become overheated.

3. All parts must be easily accessible.

4. All live parts with the exception of those of low tension must be kept away from the front of the board. In general, high tension should not be carried to the board.

5. The arrangement of the wires should be symmetrical and as simple as possible.

6. As far as practicable and without unnecessary complication of the arrangement of the apparatus, it should be rendered impossible to make a wrong connection which would result in serious consequences.

7. The possible enlargement of the switchboard should be taken into consideration.

8. A disturbance in one part of the board should not affect the entire system.

9. A sufficient number of safety devices should be provided.

10. All necessary instruments and apparatus for the operation and control of the output of the generators and feeders should be installed.

The apparatus and instruments used must naturally be suited to special cases, low-tension d.c. requires different apparatus from a high-tension a.c. The apparatus must be adapted to the kind of

¹"The Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers." McGraw-Hill Book Company, N. Y.

current, d.c. or a.c., to the voltage, to the kw. rating of the units and to the local conditions of the plant. We accordingly divide switchgears into two main groups, i.e.:

d.c. switchgear.

a.c. switchgear.

The first group includes mainly direct-controlled, and the second, both direct- and distant-controlled switchboards.

It is characteristic of American practice that products manufactured on a larger scale are standardized, a method which allows of better, quicker, and cheaper construction of products, together with more accurate and economical design. This also has reference to the production of switchboard panels. The installation of such standard panels in a station requires a minimum amount of time, money, and intelligence, which is of especial advantage in the delivery of such material to foreign lands. The panels are carefully tested before shipment. (The General Electric Company's test voltage for instruments rated up to 1000 volts is 2500 volts, and double the service voltage for instruments of higher rating.) The panels most often standardized are those used in railway service and to a certain extent, those for lighting purposes. Low and medium-voltage boards are distinguished by the fact that a separate panel is supplied for each generating or feeding unit. The entire board consists of a number of unit panels or groups. Separate panels are required for each generator; d.c., synchronous, or induction motor, for the d.c. and a.c. sides of synchronous converters for transformer sets, storage batteries, groups of arc or incandescent lamps, for every feeder or group of feeders, and in large stations for the power-house instruments.

Another division is sometimes made according to kind of current and system, as, for example, single, double, three, four, and six-phase a.c. system, or two, three, or five-wire d.c. system. A large number of combinations is therefore possible, covering all cases arising in practice.

Although American switchboard arrangements are less decorative and simpler than those in European use, they nevertheless afford easier orientation and safer operation. A single glance at the board will at once reveal the number of the different units in the plant and the ways and means for their control. The symmetrical arrangement of connections on the back of the board makes possible an easy and safe access, and facilitates tracing of connections.

CHAPTER II

DIRECT-CURRENT GENERATORS

IN the last decade electrical energy in the form of direct current has predominated for traction, as well as for light and power distribution. Due to the increase in variety and size of the applications of electrical energy and the advance in inventions and improvements in the field of a.c. apparatus, especially motors, the d.c. is being steadily replaced by the a.c. This does not mean that the a.c. is in all cases a substitute for the d.c., for, on account of its characteristics, the d.c. is in some instances indispensable, while under other special conditions it may be more advantageous.

We will classify the d.c. sources as follows:

1. Generators.
2. Converters (synchronous converter, mercury rectifier).
3. Storage batteries.

Fig. 1 shows a wiring diagram of a generator equalized on the negative. The generator has a compound field-winding consisting of a shunt and series coils. The shunt field-winding has great inductance on account of a large number of turns. It is connected on one side to the negative and on the other side through a field-discharge resistance switch and a variable resistance to the positive. When the generator is started the residual field is sufficient to generate a low voltage which then builds up rapidly, the field current and machine voltage mutually reacting to increase each other. The machine voltage does not increase in proportion to the field current. After a short time it reaches a certain value which is approximately the normal voltage of the machine. The coils of the series-winding contain few turns of low resistance and are wound on the same pole as the shunt coil. The shunt-winding is predominant in its effect, and the series-winding may either intensify or oppose the magnetism produced by the shunt-winding. To run compound machines successfully in parallel it is necessary to connect their series field-windings in parallel through a low-resistance connection, so that if the load on one machine increases, the additional current will divide through the series coils of the other machines and raise

their voltage correspondingly. This connection between the machine sides of the series coils is called the equalizer. We therefore have in the case of several generators, one positive, one negative, and one equalizing bus, each of which connects the respective poles of the machine in parallel. The method of connection shown is used in the case of large central stations with several generators, and affords a considerable saving of copper in cables. The positive bus is mounted on the back of the switchboard, while the negative

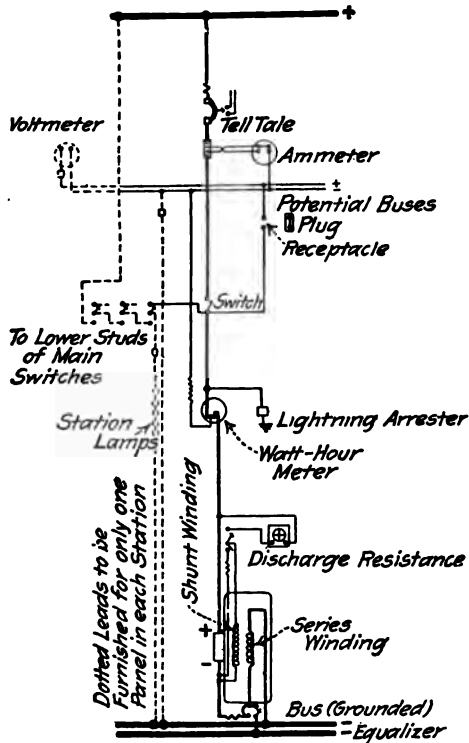


FIG. 1.—Wiring diagram of a single-pole, direct-current generator, panel generator equalized on the negative side.

and equalizing buses are installed in the foundations of the machine. The apparatus for putting the machine in and out of service and for regulating and recording the current and e.m.f. are as follows: A quick-break lever switch, which is one of the main connections between the positive brush of the generator and the positive busbar. In case it is necessary to repair one of the machines it must be dis-

connected from the live bus, for although the machine is not supplying energy, there is, nevertheless, a current from the bus to the machine if the connections are not open, a condition which would render handling of the machine parts unsafe. The lever switch in the connection to the equalizer bus and the automatic circuit breaker in the series-winding circuit serve the same purpose. In addition to the above, a further means of disconnecting the machine is proved in the form of an automatic circuit-breaker which is connected to the bus on the positive side of the machine. This apparatus operates in case the positive side of the machine is accidentally grounded. Since the negative is previously grounded (in case of railways, being connected with the rail), an excessive flow of energy through the earth would take place, which could seriously damage the machine. The rheostat for adjusting the field current of the machine is generally operated directly from the switchboard by means of handwheels, chains, and sprockets. In case it becomes impossible to operate from the switchboard, on account of the large size of the rheostat or lack of space for setting it up near the switchboard, it is operated by means of a pilot wheel mounted on a tripod in front of the panel corresponding to the respective generator. This facilitates reading the instruments which indicate the necessary adjustment.

In general, a rheostat is a device for dissipating electrical energy which has been converted into heat. Therefore, it should not be boxed up or installed in confined, out-of-the-way places but should stand in large open areas to which cooling air currents will have ready access. (See Fig. 2.)

For generators, ammeters are always necessary. They indicate whether or not the load is properly divided between them. The connection is made by means of a shunt. It is desirable to locate the shunts as near the instruments as possible, thus avoiding the use of long leads. One voltmeter is sufficient to indicate the voltage of all the machines or busbars, the connection being made through plug switches. The voltmeter is protected against abnormal voltage by a renewable fuse. For large boards the voltmeter is placed on a swinging bracket on the side of the generator panel. Watt-hour meters are desirable in so far as they indicate the energy output of the individual generators. Potential wires across the backs of all the panels serve to ease the connections for the respective instruments. They are connected to the positive and negative sides of the machine at any convenient points. A lightning-arrester is inserted between

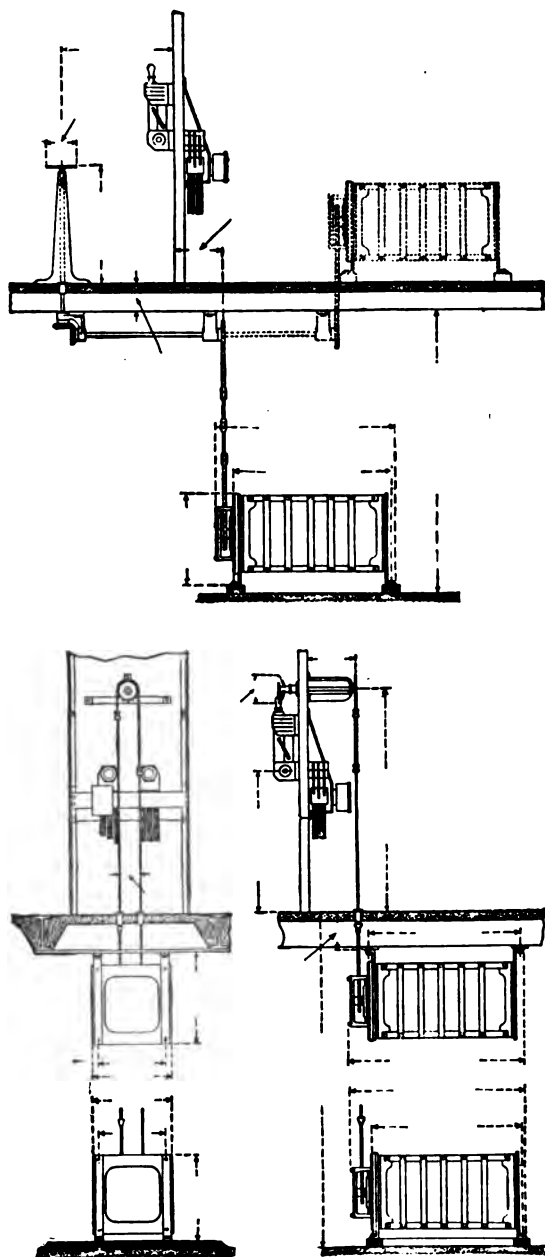


FIG. 2.--Methods of mounting field rheostats.

the quick-break switch and the watt-hour meter in order to protect the machine and instruments against lightning. A number of incandescent lamps may be inserted across the main voltage as shown by the dotted line on the diagram. In order to call attention of the operator to the fact that one of the circuit breakers on the positive side has opened, an electric tell-tale is connected with it, which rings when the circuit breaker opens. Instead of tell-tales, signal lamps are sometimes employed. Figs. 3 and 4 show the arrange-

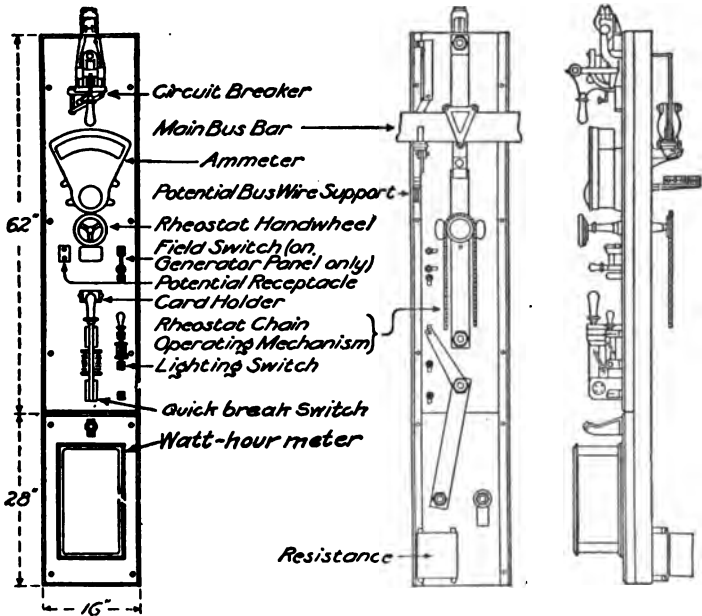


FIG. 3.—Generator or synchronous converter panel for ratings not exceeding 1200 kw.

ment and dimensions of generator panels for various kw. ratings as manufactured by the General Electric Company. Such panels can be used when either the positive or negative bus is mounted on the board. In the latter case a change in the connections between the ammeter and the shunt and a different location of the lightning-arrester is necessitated. (See Fig. 5.) This condition often obtains in practice in small central stations. The negative bus on the board is grounded, while the generator is equalized on the positive side.

The panels are made of slate or of white Italian or blue Vermont

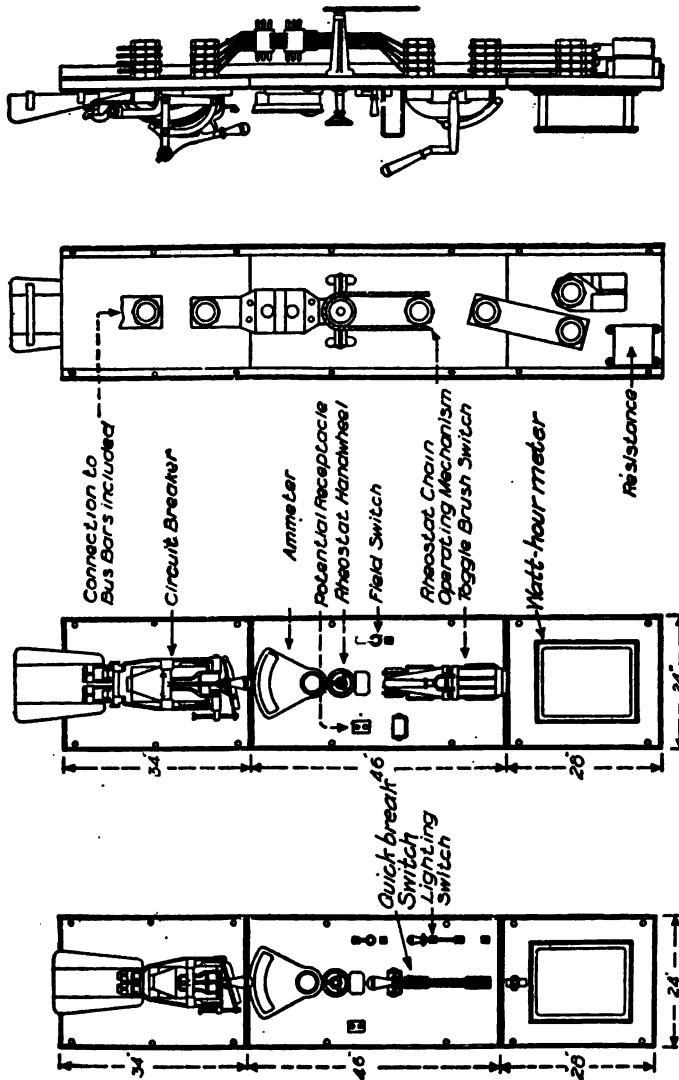


FIG. 4.—Generator or synchronous converter panel for ratings exceeding 1200 kw.

marble, 2 inches thick and from 16 to 24 inches in width, and are built in two or three sections, giving a total height of from 90 to 108 inches (G. E. make). The supporting framework is composed of angles and tees. Gas pipes connected to the panels with movable cast-iron clamps have recently come into use. For connections between different instruments, apparatus, and busbars for higher

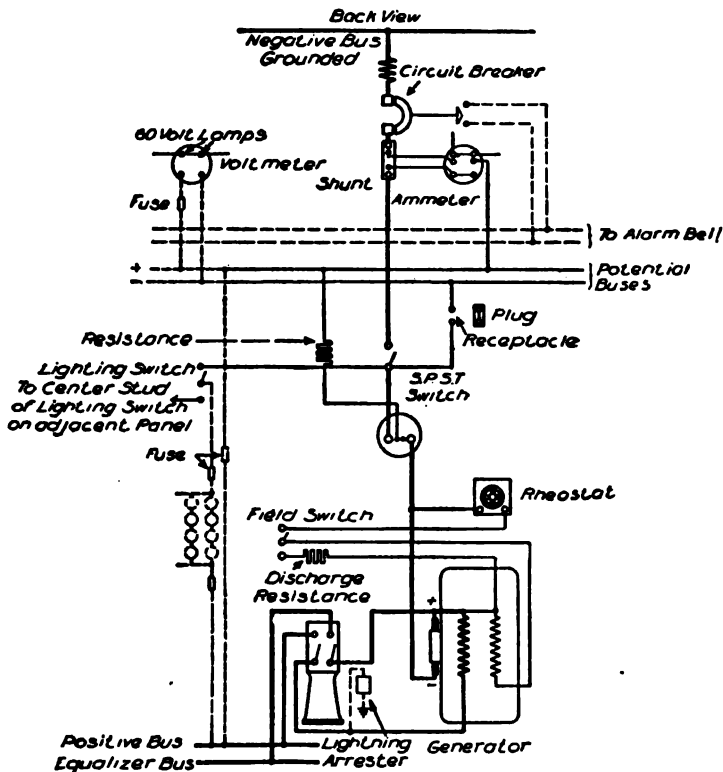


FIG. 5.—Wiring diagram of a single-pole, direct-current generator panel, generator equalized on the positive side.

current values, copper strips are employed, allowing one square inch per 1000 amperes. Standard thicknesses and widths are used, sometimes combining several strips for one connection, with a ventilating space between them. Aluminum may be used in place of copper, in which case the current density may be taken as 750 amp. per sq. in. These strips must be carefully bent in order to bridge other strips, or contact studs of equal or different polarity.

For voltages up to 600 it is customary to allow a minimum space of one inch between connections or between live parts and ground. The Westinghouse Company employs elongated contact bolts in place of bent copper strips. These bolts are copper rods of convenient lengths with brass castings similar to a union and with both



FIG. 6a.—Panel for main and equalizer switches. (Front view.)

right- and left-hand threads. A straight connection between one set of bolts bridges a similar connection between another set. The standard sizes of busbars are 2 inches by 0.25 inches, 3 inches by 0.25 inches, 5 inches by 0.25 inches, and 10 inches by 0.25 inches. These and other sizes are used for connections. All live parts are designed for a rise in temperature not exceeding 20° C. at normal load. The apparatus should be designed to perform its rated

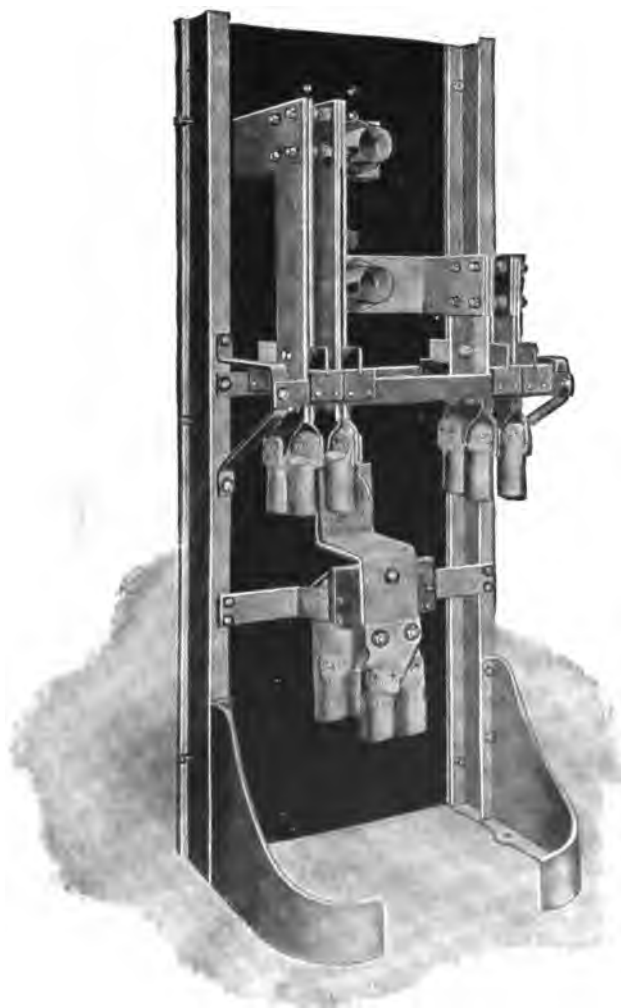


FIG. 6b.—Panel for main and equalizer switches. (Back view.)

functions accurately and safely to meet successfully the most severe conditions that may be imposed upon it, and to present a handsome appearance.

The circuit breaker for the negative side and the equalizer switch in Fig. 1, and the equalizer switch and positive switch in Fig. 5, are mounted on separate pedestals or panels near the machine so as to facilitate handling. (Fig. 6.)

Up to this point we have treated switchboards having one of

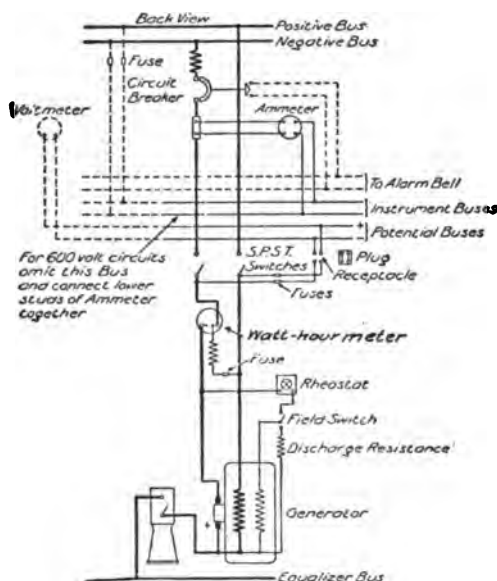


FIG. 7.—Wiring diagram of a double-pole direct-current generator panel, generator equalized on the positive side.

the buses either positive or negative mounted on the back of the board. This construction has the advantage of greater insurance against short-circuiting, since with the uninsulated live parts only one polarity prevails. These switchboards are mainly employed for railway service up to 600 volts. For 125, 250, and 600 volts, and from 25 to 1000 kw., double-pole switchboards are often used, having both buses mounted on the back of the board. They must, therefore, have two lever switches on the board for both current directions. Hence, the pedestal near the machine holds only the equalizer switch. In all other respects connections, instruments, etc., are identical with those of the first-mentioned case. Fig. 7

shows a wiring diagram, and Figs. 8 and 9 show a switchboard for this class of machine. The mounting of the positive and negative buses should be noted. They are of the same standard width and thickness as noted above. The buses are designed to carry 1000 amp. per sq. in. for the normal load, plus a certain guaranteed percentage for overload. They are mounted on insulators attached to brackets, giving for the positive bus a distance of 5 inches from the

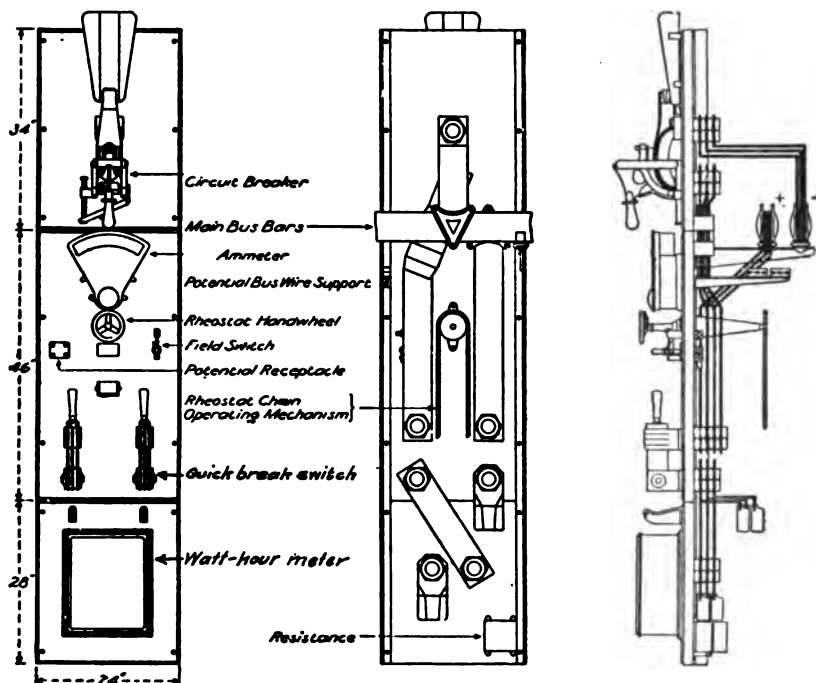


FIG. 8.—Double-pole generator panel for 550 kw. 250 volts.

board for normal sizes of apparatus and 11 inches for larger sizes. The negative bus is 6 inches from the positive one. (Fig. 10.) Since we have a fixed distance between the busbars and the upper edge of the panel and assumed distances between instruments, we can easily lay out with great accuracy the bending and drilling of copper connections. When strips of over 2 inches in width are to be connected with busbars of 3 inches, 5 inches, or 10 inches, we may use special cast-iron clamps instead of resorting to drilling, riveting, and soldering. (Fig. 8.)

For generators of smaller rating and voltage, as for instance 25

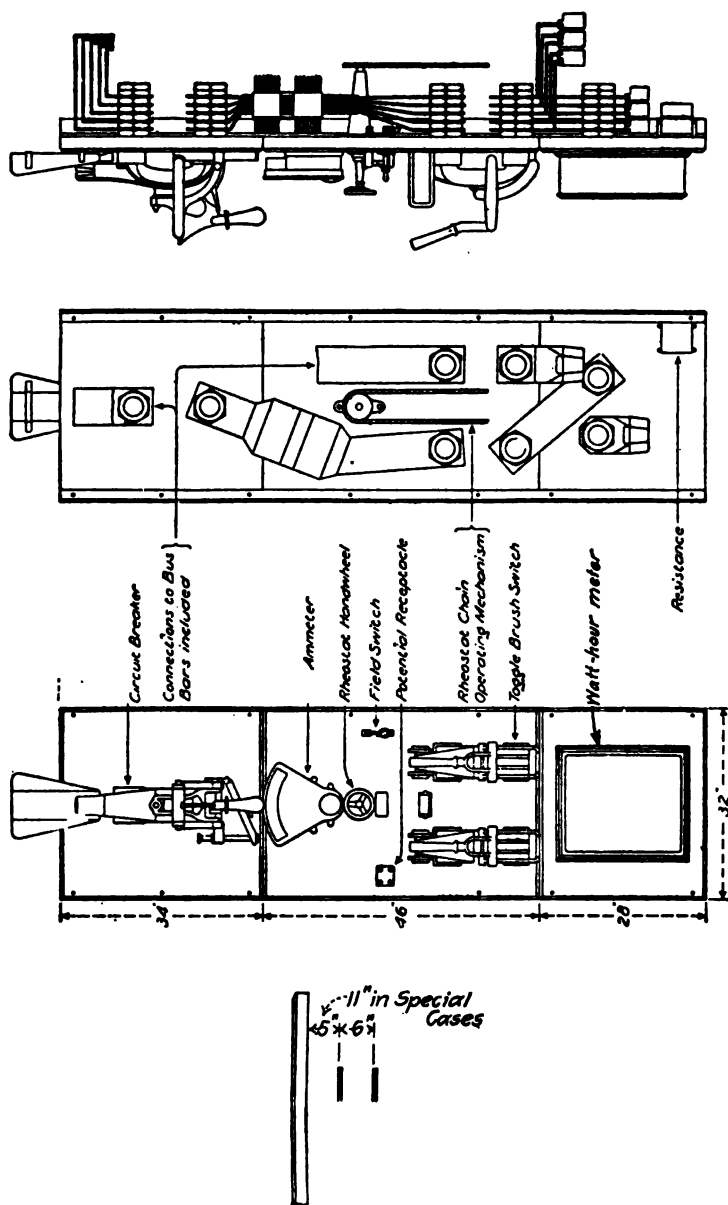


FIG. 9.—Double-pole generator panel for ratings exceeding 550 kw.

FIG. 10.—Method of mounting of direct-current busbars.

to 100 kw., and 125 to 250 volts, the equalizer bus is also mounted on the board. This eliminates the pedestal in front of the machine, and in place of it a three-pole lever switch on the board is used, which takes care of the positive, negative, and equalizer sides of the machine. (Fig. 11.) The rheostat is much smaller and is mounted on a tripod or on pipe supports on the back of the board.

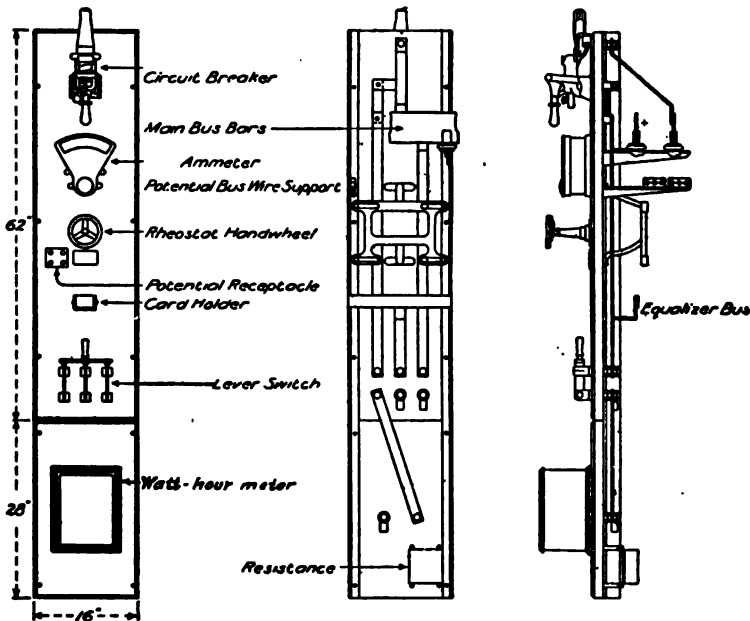


FIG. 11.—Generator panel for 125 and 250 volts, ratings from 25 to 100 kw.

In order to throw one generator into parallel with others in service, proceed as follows:

1. Close main and equalizer switches (on pedestal or panel near machine).¹
2. Close field switch (on panel).
3. Close circuit breaker.
4. Insert potential plug in receptacle and adjust voltage by means of rheostat.
5. When the proper voltage is obtained, close the other main switch.

¹ If one or both lever switches are on the board, it is obvious that they perform the same functions as stated above. Hence the same procedure should be followed, as here indicated.

CHAPTER III

SYNCHRONOUS CONVERTERS

A SYNCHRONOUS converter is essentially a d.c. generator, possessing, besides the ordinary commutator, several collector rings which are connected with the armature winding at corresponding points. When this machine is driven through the application of mechanical power it delivers either direct or alternating current. If on the other hand electrical energy is employed to drive the machine, available mechanical energy will be the result. It is thus evident that the machine can be run either as a synchronous or d.c. motor or as a converter of a. current into d. currents or *vice versa*. In this chapter we will treat only the d.c. side of the converter.

In the first case, when the converter acts as a d.c. generator, the switching arrangements are almost identical with those of the ordinary d.c. machine. Fig. 12 differs from Fig. 1 only in that the negative side of the machine is grounded directly or is directly connected with a grounded negative busbar, so that we have only one lever switch for the equalizing bus. This switch is located near the machine or on the frame of the converter itself. The automatic safety device which guards against grounding is found on the a.c. side of the generator. The automatic circuit breaker on the positive side is supplied with a special coil which opens the circuit breaker at a given low voltage. This winding is connected with a speed-limit device mounted on the shaft of the converter, which closes the circuit of the winding at a given speed limit and operates the circuit breaker. Figs. 3 and 4 may also represent converters for which the positive bus is mounted on the board. The series field-winding of the converter is connected to the negative side. The above considerations apply to a converter started from the a.c. side, which is the most frequent case in service, because the converter does not require to be synchronized. (See Chapter XXI.) After the converter has been started on the a.c. side, and it is desired to throw it in parallel with other machines on the d.c. side, proceed as follows:

1. Close the equalizing lever switch on the machine.
2. Close the automatic circuit breaker on the board.

3. Ascertain the voltage, using plug switch and voltmeter on movable arm.

4. When the desired voltage is reached close the positive lever switch on the board.

If the converter is to be started on the d.c. side, the switchboard must be provided with a starting rheostat switch. The converter

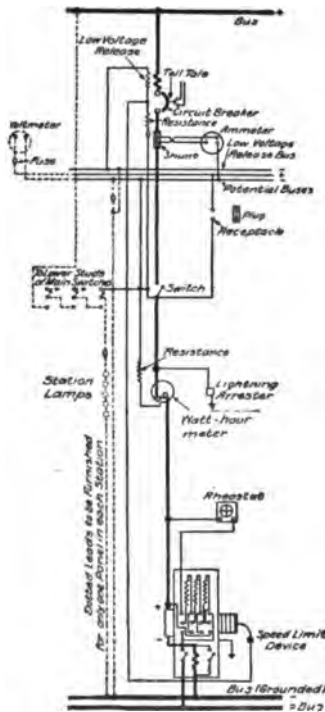


FIG. 12.—Wiring diagram of a continuous-current synchronous converter panel.

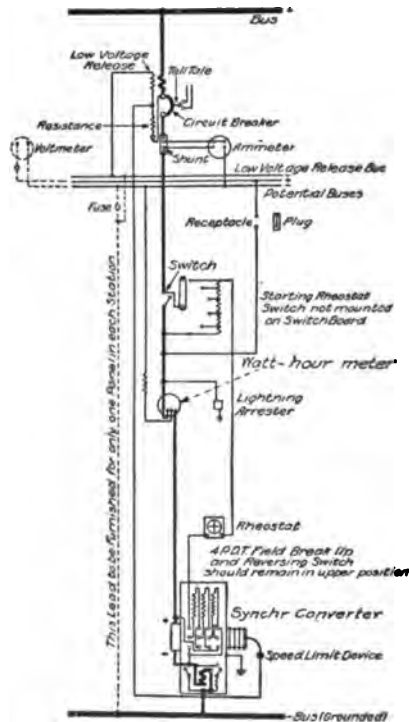


FIG. 13.—Wiring diagram of a single-pole direct-current inverted converter panel.

must be synchronized with the line. This must also be done when the machine is started by a separate induction motor. (See Chapter XXI.) To start, proceed as follows:

1. Close the field switch.
2. Close the main switch, allowing the starting rheostat to remain in circuit.
3. When normal speed is reached gradually throw out the starting rheostat.

4. Change the field strength by means of the rheostat until the synchronism indicator shows equal synchronism with the a.c. generator.

5. Close the a.c. oil switch.

Fig. 12 shows a compound field converter—hence the equalizer buses. Such machines are used for variable load in traction systems. In case converters with only shunt field-windings to be run in parallel, the equalizer bus is omitted. This type of machine is especially adapted to electric lighting or electrochemical purposes where the d.c. voltage requires special control. This control is taken care of on the a.c. side by a potential regulator (see potential regulator), inserted between the low-tension side of the power transformer and the converter.

Fig. 13 shows a wiring diagram for a d.c. inverted converter. The speed of this machine, like that of a d.c. motor, depends essentially on the field strength. The speed increases with a decrease in field strength, and *vice versa*. It follows that the series field should be weak, for otherwise we should have a constant change in speed, giving rise to variable frequency in the delivered current. A lagging current weakens the field, thus increasing speed and frequency, and making it possible under certain conditions with inductive load for the machine to run away. Particular attention should therefore be directed toward maintaining sufficient field strength, in order to avoid excessive speed, particularly when the given converter drives a second machine which reconverts the a.c. into a d.c. Speed-limit devices, capable of operating an automatic circuit breaker are mounted on the shafts. The starting rheostat is usually mounted separately, or in case the watt-hour meter is located off the board, the starting rheostat is put in its place on the base of the panel.

CHAPTER IV

MERCURY RECTIFIERS

Of late a new system for converting alternating into direct current has been developed. Up to the present this system has been most widely used in electric automobile service, or wherever batteries are charged. Formerly in cases where small batteries were to be charged, and where no low-voltage direct current was available, it was necessary to provide very costly and cumbersome apparatus. The best known devices for this purpose were:

1. A motor-generator set whose disadvantages are high cost, large consumption of floor space, and requirement of higher intelligence for operating. The efficiency at full load for charging batteries is comparatively low, and at light load, very low.

2. Single-phase synchronous converter. This is not as flexible as the motor-generator, particularly as regards voltage, and the higher intelligence requisite for starting and operating adds another disadvantage.

3. Synchronous or mechanically driven rectifier, which though small requires considerable attention, as the d.c. brushes are apt to spark badly and require constant renewals.

4. Chemical rectifier. This machine has not justified itself in practice on account of the variability and uncertainty of the charge. Its efficiency is low under all conditions.

The mercury rectifier has none of these disadvantages. Its cost is low, it requires little space, and its efficiency of conversion at low or full load is high. It is flexible, safe in operation in that it is impossible to discharge the batteries by a reversal of current, and it has no moving parts. It is on the whole a very simple machine. The only disadvantage lies in the fragility of the glass bulb, but this is compensated for by its low cost. The process of rectifying is based on the fact that it is difficult to excite a cathode in mercury vapor. Since an electrode cannot become a cathode by itself, the current must always have one direction, from the electrode to the vapor. The theory of this phenomenon is treated in different ways by Dr. C. P. Steinmetz, and by Peter Cooper-Hewitt. The equipments of the apparatus as manufactured by the two companies (General

Electric Company and Westinghouse Company) do not differ essentially from each other. Fig. 14 shows a general wiring diagram of the mercury rectifier of the General Electric Company. The secondary winding of a transformer which reduces the available alternating e.m.f. to a given value (usually 110 or 220 volts 60-cycle single-phase), is connected in parallel with the anodes A and A' of a glass tube containing mercury vapor in vacuum, and with two

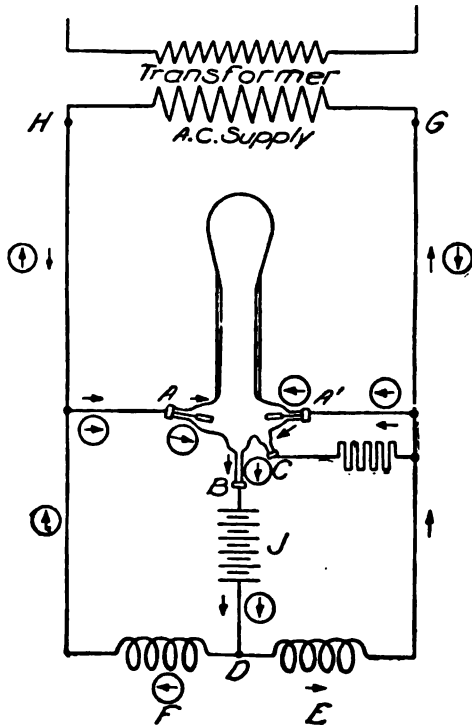


FIG. 14.—Diagram of connection of a General Electric Co. mercury rectifier.

reactors, also in parallel. The cathode B is connected through the load with the binding post between the two coils.

According to the theory of Dr. Steinmetz, the mercury vapor offers a very high resistance to the passage of electricity, in fact, it may be considered almost a non-conductor. If the vapor is ionized it becomes a good conductor, but in one direction only. By means of employing a mercury electrode as a cathode, ionized mercury vapor may be liberated. The initial ionization of the mercury

vapor is accomplished by a small starting anode, C, which is brought into contact with the cathode by a mercury bridge formed by slightly shaking the tube. The breaking of this mercury bridge starts a small initial arc, and the arc thus obtained excites the cathode, giving the necessary ionized vapor, which enables the working anodes immediately to become active and the tube to start. The two anodes, A and A¹, serve as electrodes for the alternating current. The upper halves of the cycles are sent through the ionized vapor alternately by both anodes. Since the displacement between waves

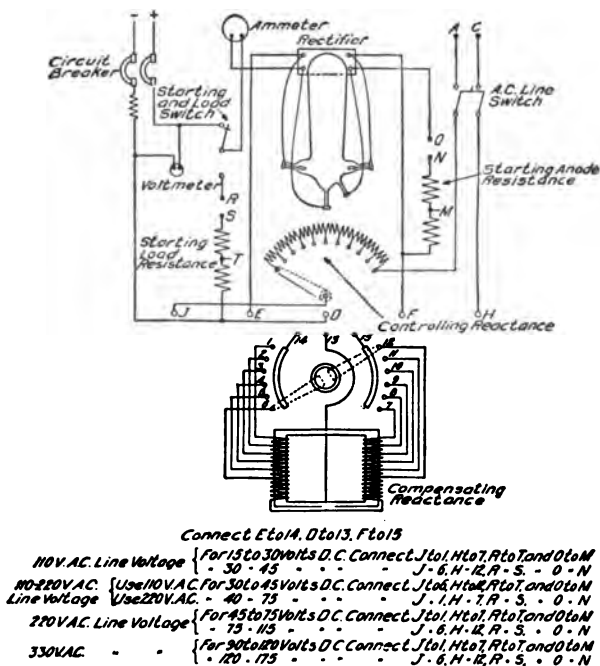


FIG. 15.—Wiring diagram and panel of a mercury rectifier outfit (General Electric Co.).

sent through both anodes is 180° , the current at the cathode is a pulsating direct current, varying between the values of zero and the maximum. A current of this nature, identical in its characteristics with the alternating current, which it replaces, is not serviceable. Although the zero value is but momentary, it is nevertheless sufficient to cause the cathode to lose its excitation. This causes the arc which carries the current between cathode and anode to be extinguished. A device designed to keep the current value constantly

above zero is therefore necessary. This is accomplished by the reactors. The coil, E, is charged during the rise of the wave from zero to maximum. The coil discharges according to the laws of induction in the same direction as that of the main current. This has the effect of keeping the value of the current above zero until it meets the rising second wave. The overlapping thus caused maintains the excitation of the cathode and the arc. The same action takes place between the wave of the anode, A¹, and the coil, F. The resulting current is a pulsating one, but the pulsations are shallower on account of the action of the coils. Fig. 15 shows the glass tube with the two anodes, starting anode and cathode, and the wiring diagram of commercial switchboards. On the board are mounted an ammeter, a voltmeter, a double-pole a.c. line switch (for example, to connect secondary winding to transformer), a double-pole d.c. load switch, one double-pole starting switch, one single-pole load switch, necessary fuses and circuit breaker to protect the rectifier from overload. A starting rheostat is mounted on the gas-pipe frame of the panel. The rectifier is started through the rheostat and is then thrown onto the load. A signal lamp connected in parallel with the rheostat is mounted on the board which, when burning, indicates that the load is on the line and that the rheostat should be cut out. The lamp remains dark when only the load is in circuit. The anodes are connected directly with the reactors, and the cathodes with the load. Taps lead from the reactors to a dial switch on the panel, through which the current and e.m.f. can be varied within certain limits. Mercury rectifiers are built for ratings of 10, 20, and 30 amp., for single tubes. They may be operated in multiple by addition of certain auxiliary apparatus and can thus be made to deliver a greater current. They are mostly used with 60-cycle 110- or 220-volt single-phase alternating current, and deliver from 16 to 115 volts direct current. At the present time they are coming into use more and more in larger installations for arc lamps, mercury lamps, and magnetite lamps connected in series.

Fig. 16 is a general wiring diagram of the Cooper-Hewitt mercury rectifier as put forth by the Westinghouse Company. Its action is the same as that discussed above, but the theory of the phenomena is differently explained by Cooper-Hewitt. The electricity can easily flow into the mercury vapor from a metal or graphite contact connected to a source of power. As soon as the current direction is reversed the solid contact offers a very high resistance to the passage of electricity from the mercury vapor to the contact. This resistance

can be overcome by a very high e.m.f., and as soon as this condition obtains, the normal current can be established from vapor to contact with a low e.m.f., the resistance having practically disappeared. According to Cooper-Hewitt's theory, the difficulty encountered in establishing a cathode is due to the great resistance which the latter offers to the passage of electricity at the first instant. As soon as the cathode is established, however, this resistance is minimized. If a single-phase alternating e.m.f. is supplied to the anodes the action is the same as that described under Fig. 14 where we saw that only one-half of the waves pass through each anode. Since

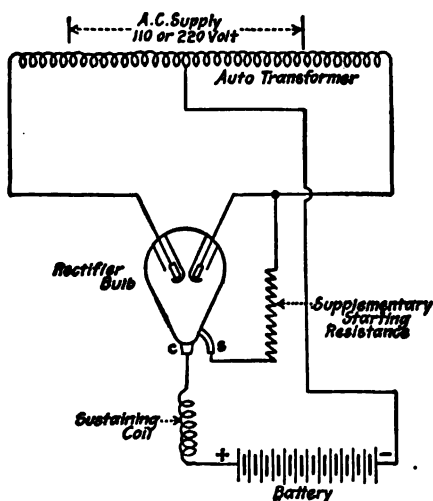


FIG. 16.—Connection diagram for battery charging with a Cooper-Hewitt rectifier.

the wave halves are displaced 180° from each other, the resulting current reaches zero value at the end of each wave, which again causes a great resistance at the cathode. The zero value must therefore be bridged over, and this is accomplished by means of the reactors in the connection to the cathode. The applied e.m.f. charges the coil during the rise of the wave and discharges it during the fall of the wave. This causes an elongation of the current waves so that they overlap before reaching the zero value. This overlapping of the rectified current waves reduces the amplitude of the pulsations and produces a comparatively smooth direct current. A momentary metallic contact is brought about between cathode and starting anode by tilting the glass tube. When the metallic circuit

is opened by bringing the tube back to its original position the current is not interrupted, as the negative electrode resistance is broken down. The apparatus is in no sense a transformer. It does not convert energy from one form into another. Its action is simply that of valves opening and closing gateways and thus allowing

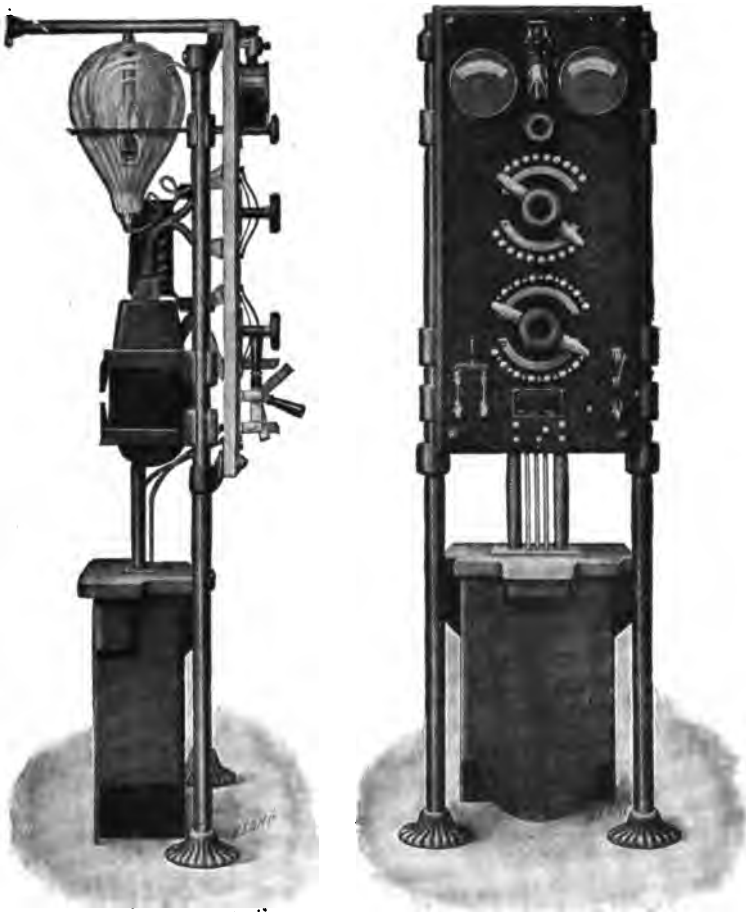


FIG. 17.—Panel outfit of a Cooper-Hewitt mercury rectifier.

electricity of one direction to flow through a given line. Fig. 17 shows the Cooper-Hewitt mercury rectifier and panel. The auto-transformer is placed on the floor back of the panel. It receives the alternating current. A dial switch on the front of the panel regulates

the potential. The "sustaining coils" are fixed on the rear of the panel as is also a controlling reactor, by means of which more precise e.m.f. regulation can be accomplished. The tube is mounted in a ring on the back of the panel. A stem on the ring projects through the panel, and by means of a hand wheel attached to the stem a tilting of the bulb can be secured. These rectifiers are used for from 40- to 120-volt direct current, connected to 110- or 220-volt 60-cycle alternating current.

The applications of the mercury rectifier have been steadily growing in number since it was introduced. The earliest and perhaps the most prominent application of the mercury rectifier was the charging of automobile batteries in places where only alternating current was available, but now it is largely used for charging telephone and railway signal batteries, operating d.c. lamps, electroplating, kino-projecting lamps and for various other operations requiring direct current.

CHAPTER V

STORAGE BATTERIES

THE scope of this work does not call for any extended treatment of the construction of storage batteries, as this matter is treated fully by any number of authorities. They will be discussed here only in so far as they constitute an essential part of electric power-station switchgear.

Storage batteries are used as emergency reserves to help out a badly engineered d.c. installation, or for taking up peak loads on a system whose maximum load has outgrown the rating of the generating station. But in designing a new installation they are taken into account to assure efficiency, reliability, and economy of investment and operation.

Storage batteries are used for the following purposes:

1. To regulate the station output.
2. To compensate line losses.
3. To act as reserves in case of shut-downs.
4. To act as equalizers in three-wire systems.

The above functions may be called for singly or together, and may be performed at the central station, sub-station, on the line, or in two or more of these places at the same time. Batteries are employed in railway, light, or motor service.

1. Batteries are used for regulating the station output in two cases.

(a) In the first case the battery is charged by the machines when the outside load is reduced for some length of time, and is discharged on peak loads or at night when the machines are not run. For this reason the generation and transmission of energy up to the point where the battery is installed are made independent of the load variations beyond that point.

(b) In the second case the battery is constantly in service, charging and discharging according to the momentary fluctuations of the load. This is a condition which always occurs in railway service. Hence we have the terms equalizer, fly-wheel or buffer batteries.

A battery therefore serves to keep the time and rate of energy

generation independent of the time and rate of the load fluctuations. In both these cases the use of batteries has proven highly economical. For maximum efficiency it is essential that all machines should be kept loaded to their full rated power while in service. If storage batteries are not installed, the rating of the machines must be equal to the maximum load, even though such load may be of only short duration; hence the station rating is in excess of the average power required. If, on the other hand, batteries are installed, the necessary machine equipment is reduced in size to an amount equal to the average load. At the same time the efficiency is increased by keeping the load factor constant, corresponding to the maximum (efficiency).

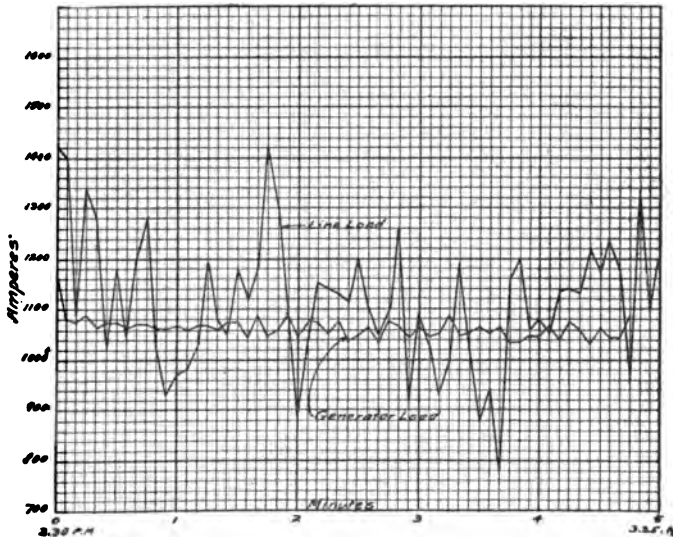


FIG. 18.—Load curves with battery in use.

Since, moreover, the battery is best able to deal with the very kind of load which are imposed upon it, i.e., small loads of long duration (as night railway service) or sudden fluctuations which most reduce the efficiency of the machines, a proper division of loading will result in maximum fuel economy. By increasing the load factor of the machines and decreasing their service hours, an additional advantage is gained through decreasing the losses incidental to starting and shutting down.

The diagrams in Fig. 18 show the load fluctuations of a system and the influence of batteries on the generator output. The average load on the line is approximately equal to the generator output and

fluctuations are taken up by the battery. In this case the generator rating is only 1100 amp., while without batteries it would have to be 1400 amp.

2. If a battery is joined to the line at a distant point, the line carries only the average load instead of the maximum. With a given line drop this affords saving in copper or a higher allowable voltage for a given size of wire. In some cases, where the average load of the line is small, batteries may be used to replace sub-stations. When installed in sub-stations they afford not only a saving in copper and reduction of line loss, but equalize the load on the converter, which therefore draws a constant current from the central station, so that the high-tension line losses are also reduced.

3. The special advantage of storage batteries is their ability to act as reserves. The following cases are the most important arising in practice:

(a) When the central, high-tension transmission line or sub-station is accidentally shut down. In this instance the battery will for a certain length of time maintain the service in the portion of the system affected, allowing the necessary repairs to be made.

(b) At momentary, unforeseen, or excess load, such as traffic congestion or increased demand for illumination on dark days, the batteries will take up such loads before it would be possible to put any additional units into service.

(c) They make it possible to disconnect the transmission line and all machines in the central or sub-stations for a considerable length of time during the night so as to allow of inspection and repairs.

(d) If batteries are used in systems not generating their own power, they make it possible to buy direct or alternating current from other systems when these are not overloaded, and this at a constant rate. Since the price of energy is figured on the basis of peak load, the gain due to the lower rate of delivery required by batteries frequently offsets the initial cost of the batteries themselves.

If there is any indication of disturbances in the system which might affect the machines, the trouble can be localized by cutting out the machines and throwing in the batteries. The emergency value depends upon the size of the battery relative to the load and the kind and variation of that load.

4. In the three-wire systems, batteries are used as equalizers by connecting the neutral of the system to the middle of the battery, and the other buses to the ends.

When connected to an open circuit, a single element has an e.m.f. of 2.08 volts. This tension is called "floating voltage," for if the battery were connected into a circuit of this voltage it would neither be charged nor discharged. When a battery discharges, its voltage drops momentarily, and then remains constant to a point at which it again drops rapidly. In practice it is never discharged beyond a point at which the e.m.f. is 1.8 volts. The initial drop is caused by the internal resistance and partial polarization on the surface of the plates. In charging, the external or impressed voltage must be sufficient to overcome the counter e.m.f. and internal resistance of the cell. The voltage of the battery on charging rises momentarily, and, as before, remains constant until the battery is completely charged, when it again commences to rise. To charge or discharge a battery at a constant rate the e.m.f. must vary according to the battery's characteristic curve for that particular rate. The rating of the battery is the amount of electricity delivered at a certain rate measured in ampere-hours. The rating of a cell varies according to the time and rate of discharge. A cell which has a rating of 100 per cent., for example, at 8 hours discharge will have a rating of only 50 per cent. if discharged in 1 hour. Batteries are usually rated on an 8-hour discharge basis. For electric automobiles the rate basis is 4 hours, and for railway sub-stations 1 hour.

The following table gives the relative ratings, end voltages, and current values of a cell for different rates of discharge:

Hours Discharge	Final Voltage	Rel. Value of Current	Rel. Rating in amp.-hr.
8	1.75	1	8 (100 per cent.)
3	1.70	2	6 (75 per cent.)
1	1.69	4	4 (50 per cent.)
$\frac{1}{2}$	1.40	8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.)

A battery in circuit will require or produce current only when the outside voltage differs from the floating voltage. When this difference becomes sufficient the battery will operate without further assistance, and so take care of peak loads and large rapid fluctuations (a case which often arises with line batteries).

The operation of the battery is somewhat different when strong fluctuations do not exist or are not admissible, and also when precise equalization and quick response are required. In such cases auxiliary apparatus is used to regulate the charging and discharging. Such apparatus is either hand-operated or automatic. The former is used when the battery is to be put into commission for some length

of time. This applies especially to lighting systems. The most usual method of regulation is by "end cells." These consist of a number of cells connected step by step in series with the main battery so as to compensate the voltage drop during discharge. Fig. 19 shows an end-cell arrangement with two switches. The required line voltage is maintained through the regulating switch, E_1 , while charging is regulated by the generator field rheostat and switch, E_2 . With this arrangement the generator charges the battery at a higher voltage, and at the same time feeds the line at the normal pressure. The sum of the charging current and line current passes through the end cells, so that these are charged more quickly than the remaining

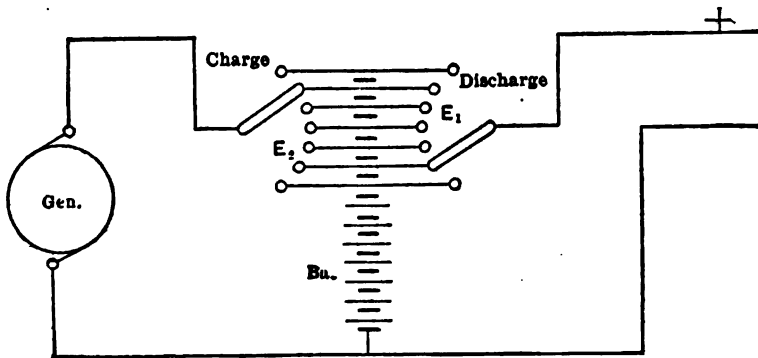


FIG. 19—Battery connections with a double end-cell switch.

ones; this requires cutting out the cells step by step by means of switch E_2 . The battery should be charged only when the outside load is low. The end switches must be carefully designed so that there shall be no short-circuit between adjacent contacts, or interruption of the circuit while shifting the contact arm. Sometimes they have an additional arm insulated from the main arm and connected with it through a resistance, so that when the two arms are on adjacent contacts, the short-circuiting current is reduced by the resistance. These end switches are usually in the shape of dial switches or straight-line glide switches. They are mounted on the switchboard and are operated manually or by motor.

Another method of regulating batteries by hand makes use of a carbon pile, whose resistance depends upon the surface pressure on the carbon plates of which it is composed. As this pile is connected in series with the battery, any change in the pressure will change the charging voltage.

Automatic regulation of storage batteries depends upon the generation of an additional voltage, which causes charging when added to the bus voltage and discharging when subtracted from it. This extra e.m.f. is used to overcome the counter e.m.f. of the battery. It is produced by a generator called a booster, whose armature is in series with the battery and whose field is automatically regulated through the influence of the load variations.

The simplest case is that of the "shunt booster," whose field-winding is in parallel with the buses. This machine is used only for regulating the charge, and it accomplishes this through a field

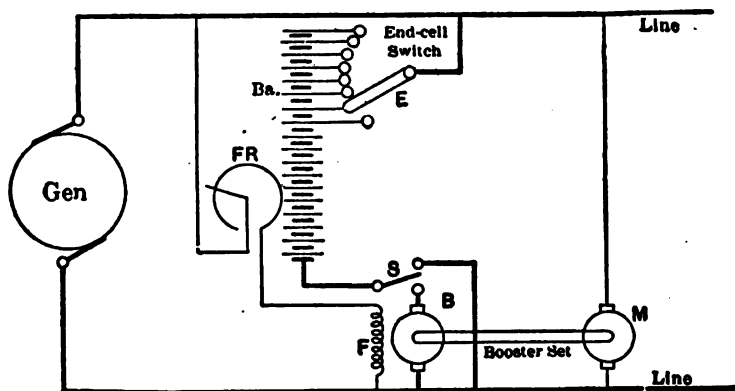


FIG. 20.—Shunt booster connection.

rheostat. The connection diagram is given in Fig. 20. The booster is driven by a shunt motor and is disconnected while the battery is discharging. For the discharge regulation end cells are used. Shunt boosters with manual regulation are used in plants where the load variations are gradual and uniform, so that the battery may be charged and discharged for longer periods. This is the case for peak loads of long duration, or when the generators are shut down.

In traction systems where the load fluctuates rapidly within wide ranges a booster must be used whose e.m.f. is made to vary automatically with the load, so that it will add or subtract from the battery voltage as required. These requirements are met by the "differential booster." This machine differs from those previously described in that it has a series field-winding in the working circuit in addition to the shunt field-winding. In Fig. 21, F_1 is the shunt and F_2 the series-winding. The second winding opposes the first,

so that at a certain external load they will balance each other and the resultant e.m.f. will be zero. At this load the generator e.m.f. is equal to that of the battery, so that the latter will neither charge nor discharge. At higher loads the action of F_2 is greater than that of F_1 , and the booster e.m.f. is added to that of the battery, causing the battery to be discharged. With smaller load, on the other hand, F_1 predominates, and the booster tends to charge the battery. The booster, therefore, tends to maintain a constant load on the generators by enabling the battery to take up the fluctuations. In order to make this combination as stable as possible, a third field winding is put in series with the generator circuit, so that the

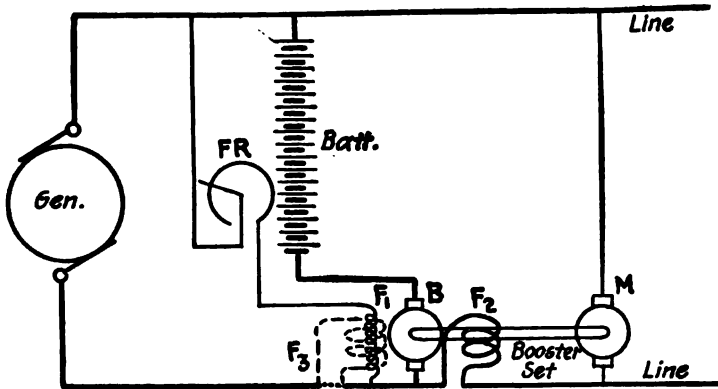


FIG. 21.—Differential booster connection. (Pirai.)

increased generator current caused by the increased load produces an additional effect which enables the battery to discharge. The object of this third winding is to secure a more perfect and precise regulation than would otherwise be possible, and to keep the division of load between the batteries and machines at the desired ratio.

Instead of exciting the boosters directly from the line, a separate exciter mounted on the shaft of the motor-booster set, or driven by a separate motor, may be employed. The exciter field consists of two differential windings, one shunt-winding supplied at a constant voltage, usually from the station voltage, and one series winding included in the circuit to be regulated. The exciter armature is connected to the booster field through a rheostat. The booster excitation will therefore vary with that of the series field coils of the exciter. This type of booster is called "exciter booster." It is essential that the driving motor should be a shunt-wound machine

connected across the busbar for when the battery discharges, the booster becomes a motor to drive the former driving motor as a generator in parallel with the main dynamo. This change could not take place if the driving motor were series-wound.

When the load fluctuations must be kept within certain small limits an arrangement is used which magnifies the influence of the variations on the booster. The auxiliary equipment for this purpose consists of what is termed a "counter e.m.f. generator." Fig. 22 shows the connections of this type of machine with the booster and batteries. The operation is based upon the fact that the counter e.m.f. generator is excited by a series winding, F_2 , built in the main

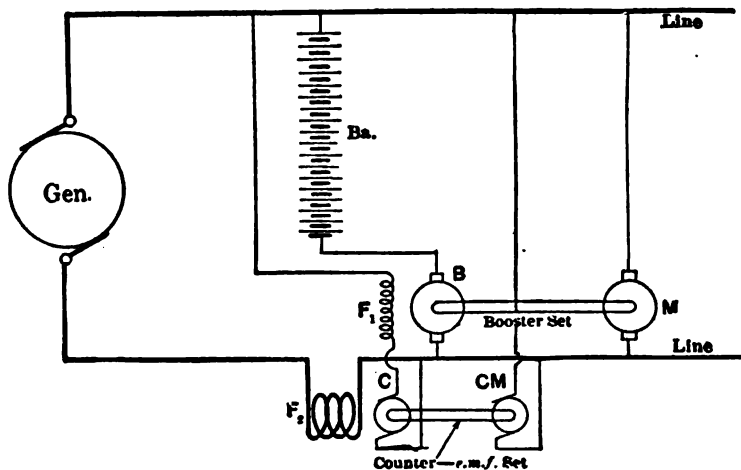


FIG. 22.—Diagram of connections of a booster with counter e.m.f. generator.

generator circuit, and that the armature winding of this auxiliary machine is in series with the field winding of the booster and across the busbars, but opposing them in voltage. At a certain external load the e.m.f. of the auxiliary generator exactly balances that of the buses. Since the latter is constant, and since the counter e.m.f. is made to depend on the external load, the booster voltage is inversely proportional to the output of the station. Adjustable resistances are inserted in the field circuit of the counter e.m.f. generator, which enable precise regulation of the batteries for different numbers and sizes of generators and different average loads. The auxiliary generator is usually mounted together with the booster or is driven by a separate motor.

In still another case the booster is excited by a separate exciter whose field is in series with the counter e.m.f. generator. The connections are shown in Fig. 23. This arrangement affords more sensitive regulation, and makes possible the use of a single-counter e.m.f. generator for different sizes of boosters and batteries. This is the method used by the Gould Storage Battery Company.

In cases where the load is composed of a constant load from a lightning system, and a variable load from a traction system, a booster called a "constant-current booster" is employed. The

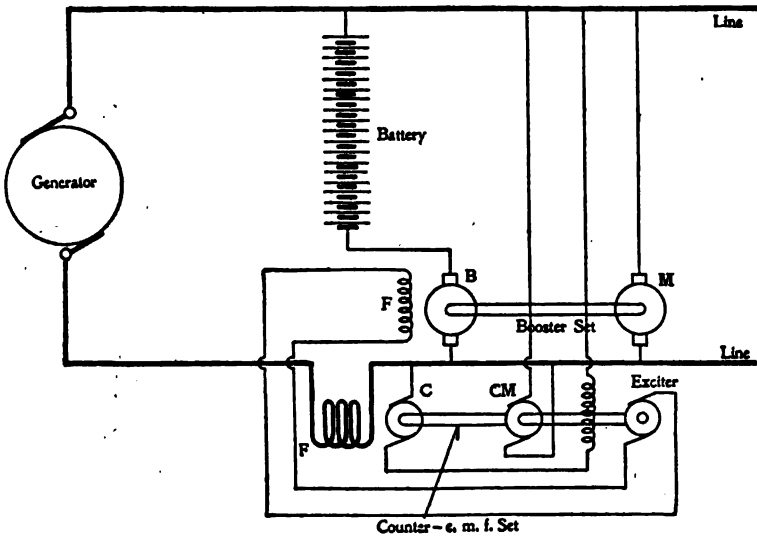


FIG. 23.—Diagram of connections of a booster-exciter with a counter e.m.f. generator.

field winding of the counter e.m.f. generator under these conditions is in series with the battery feeder, while the armature winding is so connected to the booster field that any tendency to increase or decrease the current in the battery feeder is instantly opposed by a decreased or increased booster voltage. The booster is inserted between the constant and variable loads, so that the latter is supplied either by current through the booster or by this current augmented by the battery current. The current through the booster feeds either the variable load or the battery, according to the requirement of the feeders supplying the variable load.

The small and inexpensive shunt booster may be used for both

charging and discharging regulation by inserting a carbon pile regulator in the shunt winding of the booster.

A carbon pile regulator is shown in Fig. 24 and the wiring diagram in Fig. 25.

The carbon regulator consists of two or more sets of carbon disks [C] connected sometimes like a Wheatstone bridge where the shunt field-winding of the booster takes the place of the galvanometer. There is a pivoted lever over the top of the

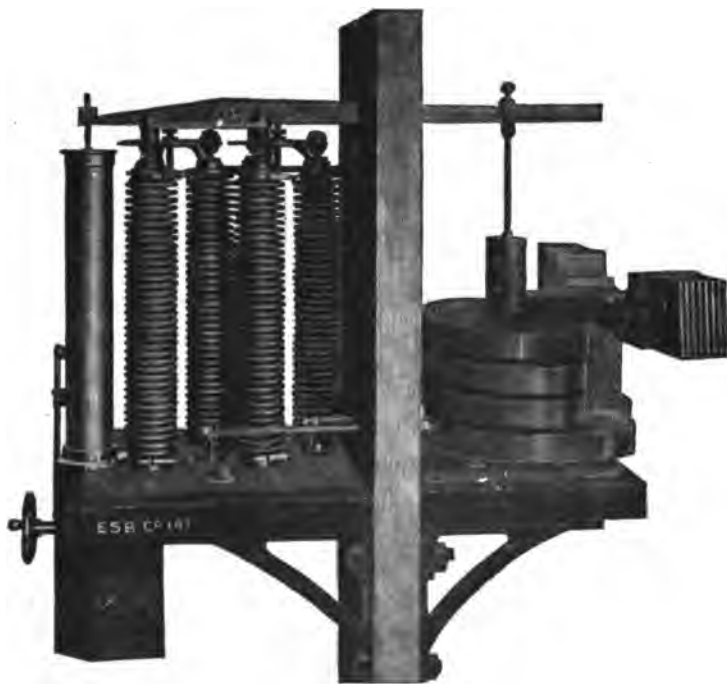


FIG. 24.—Carbon pile regulator. (Entz.)

piles, arranged so that by changing its position a different pressure is brought to bear on the various piles which causes their resistances to vary. The lever is moved by a solenoid-actuated iron core, whose solenoid is in series with the generator circuit. A spring at the end of the lever opposes the action of the solenoid. At the required average load the pressure on both piles is the same. The ends of the carbon piles are connected to a group of battery cells whose middle point is joined in series with the booster field and to the movable arm on the carbon piles. When

the pressure is the same on both piles, their resistances are equal, and there is no current in the shunt-winding F_1 . But when the current in the main circuit decreases or increases, one of the piles is compressed more than the other, and there is current through the booster field in one direction or another, which causes charging or discharging of the battery. The piles are set for the required load by adjusting the spring at the end of the pressure arm.

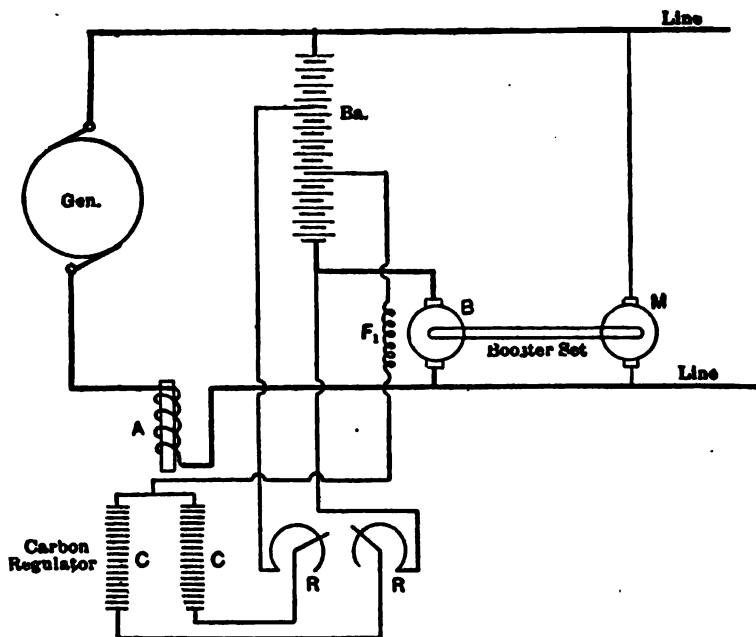


FIG. 25.—Diagram of connection of a booster controlled by a carbon pile regulator.

Instead of making the regulator regulate the booster field directly, an exciter may be put between them whose field is influenced by the regulator. The advantage consists in the decreased energy loss resulting from the use of the smaller sized machine. This type of regulator is made by the Electric Storage Battery Co. It is mounted directly on the switchboard, with the carbon piles and spring in front, and the solenoid in back of the board. The solenoid is in the busbar circuit. With the help of this regulator it is possible to adjust the sensitiveness of the charging side relative to that of the discharging side and *vice versa*. In central and sub-stations, for instance, it is sometimes desirable to utilize the overload capac-

ities of engines, generators, converters, etc., but as soon as the load drops under a certain limit, the battery comes into action. With these regulators, also, a zone of non-regulation may be created, extending a certain percentage above and below the average load, whereas, for loads above and below this, regulation may be as perfect as possible.

In some factories, hotels, hospitals, farmhouses or other places which produce electrical energy for their own use, there is both a day and night demand for constant potential electrical energy to facilitate the operation of motors, elevators, or other apparatus. When no auxiliary charging dynamos or boosters are available, the batteries are charged at the constant potential of the plant by what is termed the Cismeros-Mička three-group method. The battery is divided into three equal groups of cells. The first charge is made

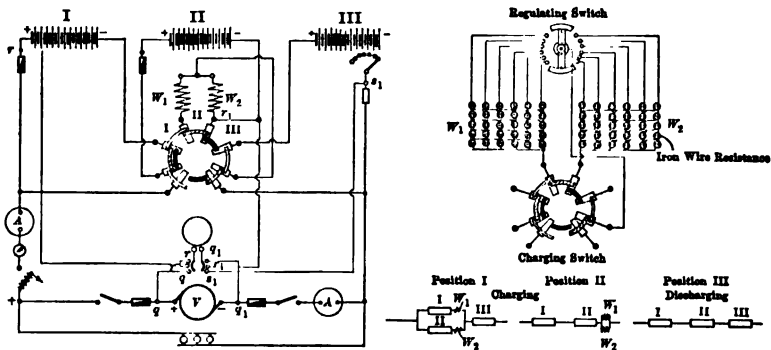


FIG. 26.—Wiring diagram of the Cismeros-Mička three-group method.

while two groups are connected in parallel and the third one in series until the third group has been fully loaded with the aid of a regulating resistance. The charging of the batteries to their full capacity is then completed by disconnecting the third group and changing the connections of the first and second group from parallel to series.

During the first period of charging, the regulating resistance destroys about 19 per cent., and at the end about 8 per cent. of the charging voltage; during the second period, the corresponding amounts are approximately 20 per cent. and 8 per cent. By this method, the loss of the delivered charging energy amounts to about 14 per cent. as against 39 per cent. when charging in two groups.

Fig. 26 shows the diagram of connections employed for the three-

group charging system. The regulating resistance consists of iron wire built into glass-vacuum bulbs. These resistances regulate automatically in accordance with the temperature rise.

In the last years, storage batteries have found a new field of usefulness, which promises to become of great importance in the near future. This is as equalizer in a.c. stations, or in a.c. services.

The general function of a storage battery when used in connection with an alternating-current system is the same as when used with a direct-current system, namely, to relieve the power plant and transmission system of load fluctuations so that the generating machinery and conductors can be utilized to the greatest advantage and maximum economy by subjecting them to a steady load equal to the average load.

Regulating storage batteries are required for such alternating-current situations as long interurban railways with steam operating conditions, that is to say, where few and heavy trains are run at long intervals; or for steel plants with variable loads where gas engines are installed to utilize the furnace gases.

On some alternating-current generating systems with direct current sub-stations, individual batteries have been used to regulate the load fluctuations at each point. In some recent installations, however, it has been found advantageous to concentrate the battery capacity at one point, a single battery being installed to control the combined fluctuations of the load on the entire system. Obviously, this arrangement reduces the first cost because the total battery capacity which is required will be much smaller inasmuch as the maximum fluctuations of the combined load will ordinarily be less than the sum of the maximum individual fluctuations.

The regulating battery is usually located at a converter station in the power house or in the nearest sub-station if the whole transmission line passes that sub-station. Several small series transformers are built into the line, and, by means of a synchronous rotating rectifier, the secondary alternating current of the line is converted into direct current. This direct current, which is proportional to the watt component of the alternating line current, excites the field of a counter e.m.f. generator whose armature winding is in series with the booster field winding and which opposes the voltage of the d.c. buses.

Fig. 27 shows the diagram of connections. The battery current demanded by the increased load on the line is supplied from the alternating-current transmission line by means of an inverted con-

verter. When the external load decreases, the battery is charged through the converter.

In some cases, series transformers are located in the individual generator circuits, their secondaries being connected in parallel to give a combined output proportional to the total generator load. In other cases, carbon regulators may be used. The application of the regulator involves the substitution of an alternating-current solenoid for the usual direct-current coil.

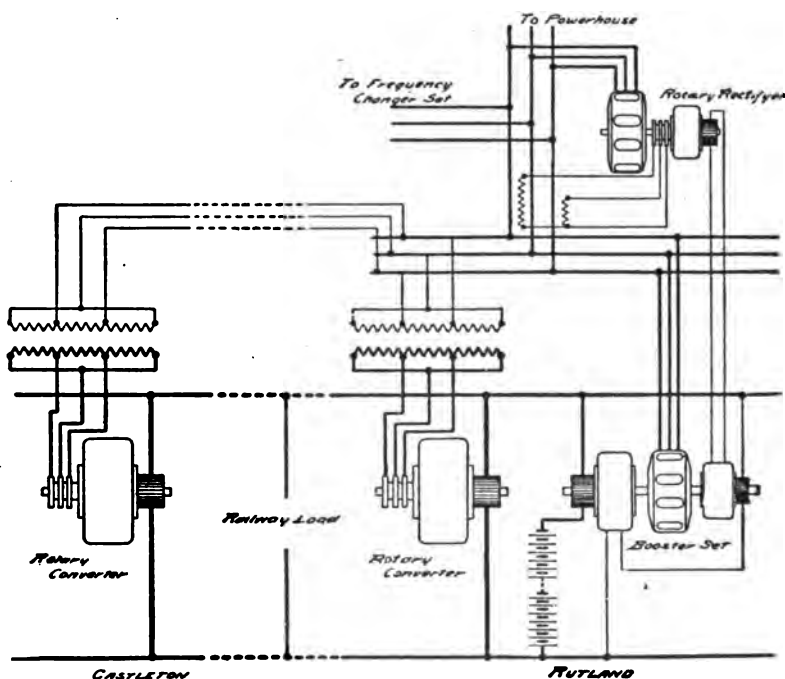


FIG. 27.—Diagram of connection of a storage battery in alternating-current system.

In systems where the current is generated and utilized as poly-phase alternating current, the battery would be located either at the main generating station or at the center of the load.

The batteries and boosters are joined to the direct-current feeders of either a motor-generator set or of synchronous converters. If a motor-generator set is used, the charge and discharge of the battery may be accomplished by varying the voltage of the direct-current machine in response to the fluctuations of the alternating-cur-

rent load. The motor-generator set is composed of a synchronous motor and a d.c. generator (See also Chapter XXVII, Spokane Inland Railway Company).

On widely varying alternating current loads, a Tirrill or Thury regulator is sometimes used in connection with a booster storage battery. (See Chapter XVII.) The regulator is influenced by the main current of the alternating-current system and, in turn, it regulates the excitation current of a motor-generator set.

By using batteries in a.c. systems the speed of the machines, and hence the station voltage, are maintained constant. In a.c. lighting systems these results in efficient voltage regulation. By taking up peak loads in this way the station generating power is increased.

CHAPTER VI

THREE-WIRE SYSTEM

EVER since the introduction of electricity for lighting and power, attempts have been made to obtain two sets of circuits from the ordinary two-wire d.c. generator, so that a lower potential, say 110 volts, could be used for electric lighting, and a higher potential, say 220 volts, for power purposes. The use of higher voltage on the power circuit gives a cheaper installation because less copper is then necessary for the transmission of energy. Such an arrangement of two-voltage circuits can be obtained by means of the well-known three-wire system. The principles underlying this system are as follows: The potential difference between the two outside wires is higher than the normal service potential, being usually twice as great as the latter. The lamps are connected between one of the outside wires and the inner wire, called the neutral, while the motors run connected between the outside wires. The potential between the outer wires and the neutral is equal to the normal service tension. In traction service it is usual to employ the track as the neutral. In this case the saving in copper is comparatively small. The ratio of copper weight for a double track 5000 feet long, using 500 volts, to the same track using 1000 volts, three-wire system, is as 13 is to 11. In lighting systems the saving in copper is much greater, amounting to from 62.5 per cent. to 69 per cent. It admits of the use of both 220-volt and 110-volt apparatus on the circuits. The three-wire system can be built up in different ways:

1. Two generators (Edison three-wire system).
2. One generator with compensator.
3. One generator with balancer set.
4. One synchronous converter.
5. Subdivision of a storage battery.

1. The Edison system is based on two generators connected in series. The two outer terminals are connected to the positive and negative busbars, while the two inner ones are connected to each other and to the neutral bus. The switching diagram is shown in Fig. 28. The fields of both generators are controlled separately and the voltage

of both sides can be adjusted at will, or the generator can be compounded to give a high voltage on one side, where such increase of voltage is desirable to overcome the effects of unbalancing. With this arrangement a large amount of power can be delivered to either side of the system and the extreme degrees of unbalancing can be handled for a short time without disturbance of the lamp voltage. The neutral wire is positive or negative with respect to the true neutral, according as the load is greater on the negative or positive side respectively. The diagram shows the connections of one three-wire feeder, one 220-volt and two 110-volt feeders. With installations of two or more pairs of machines, two equalizer buses are required, one each for the negative and positive sides of the

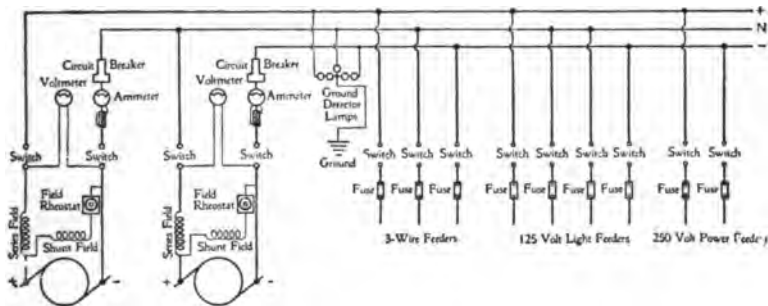


FIG. 28.—Wiring diagram of an Edison three-wire system.

machines. The disadvantage of this system lies in the higher cost of two generators and their lower efficiency, as compared to a single generator of equal capacity and higher e.m.f.

2. One three-wire generator with compensator. The generator is compound wound, with two series windings, and one shunt field winding. The two series windings are necessary in order to secure with unbalanced loads a compounding approximating that of balanced loads. On the side opposite the d.c. brushes, one or two pairs of collector rings are fastened on the shaft; these are joined to two or four points of the armature winding respectively 180° or 90° apart. The collector rings are connected with a compensator, from whose middle point a wire leads to the neutral. (See Fig. 29.) The action of the machine is as follows: With balanced load there will be only the exciting current through the compensators, which are simply auto-transformers. This exciting current is alternating as the relative potential of the taps to the armature changes from positive to negative. With an unbalanced load, for example, there being a

greater load on the positive than on the negative side, the excess current will return by the neutral wire, and divide in the auto-transformer, returning to the armature through the collector rings. A circuit breaker and an ammeter are installed on either side of the machine. It is advisable to mount the former near the generators, for in this installation they are closed and tripped electrically from the main switchboard. The equalizer switches can also be mounted near the machine. Such an arrangement affords a saving in copper. The machine is started as follows:

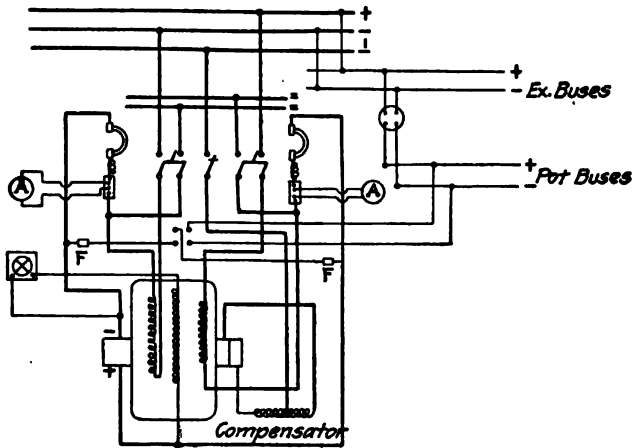


FIG. 29.—Wiring diagram of a three-wire direct-current generator.

1. Close the equalizing switches.
2. Close the main switches on the switchboard.
3. Adjust the voltage and close the circuit breakers by means of the control switches on the switchboard.

3. Generator with balancer set. For a system which requires more energy than can economically be furnished by the Edison system, one generator of normal e.m.f. equal to that between the positive and negative busbars is used in connection with two motors, which are connected to each other in series, and to the buses in multiple. The connections are shown diagrammatically in Fig. 30. The neutral wire is connected with the common terminal to both motors. When the system is balanced the set operates as two motors, and as motor-generators when the system is unbalanced. The neutral current is unequally divided between the two machines.

"If there is an excess load on the positive side of the system, the

e.m.f. between the positive and neutral will be less than between neutral and negative. The negative balancer will tend to speed up and will drive the other as a generator. The unbalanced current will divide, part going to the motor balancer to afford the power to send the rest through the generator balancer back to the line. The series winding of the former tends to weaken the field and increase the speed, while that of the latter assists the shunt-winding and raises the voltage across the generator. If the excess load be on the negative side, the positive balancer becomes the motor, the negative balancer, the generator. It is evident that these machines do not add any power to the system, but serve only to balance the load on the two sides."¹

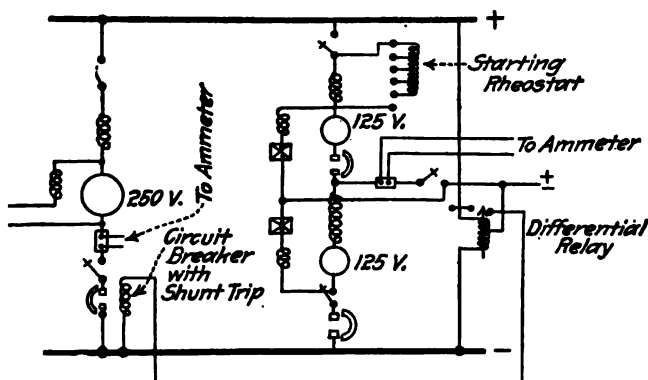


FIG. 30.—Wiring diagram of a three-wire system with balancer sets.

Each balancer should have a capacity equal to one-half the maximum unbalanced load that is considered probable to occur. Both machines can be independently adjusted so as to give any desired division of voltage between the sides, and each of the machines can be compounded in such a manner that it will compensate for inequalities of line losses and natural drop, when the system becomes unbalanced. The shunt-windings of both machines are connected in series, and the middle point is joined to the neutral. The generator and the motors each possess a circuit breaker and the necessary main switches. Fuses can be used to replace the circuit breakers of the motors. Both motors are started by means of a starting rheostat. The method of procedure is as follows: In the first place the generator is started in the usual way, and is thrown on the

¹ W. H. Peck, "Modern Practice in Switchboard Design," *Electric Journal*, 1905.

busbars. Then both machines are started together as motors by means of the starting rheostat. When both have reached normal speed, the connection to the neutral is closed, which also throws the shunt-windings on to the neutral. Care should be taken not to connect the shunt-windings to the neutral when starting. To protect the lamps, etc., against short-circuiting on one side or in case of accidental disconnection of the balancer set, the circuit breaker of the generator is tripped by a differential relay. This relay will trip the circuit breaker in the event of an abnormal rise of potential on either side of the system.

4. Another method of supplying the neutral current is to operate a small synchronous converter as a direct-current motor from the outside conductors, the neutral being connected to the middle point of the compensator operated from the collector rings of the converter. The converter replaces the balancer set.

Where synchronous converters are used to supply a three-wire system, the neutral can be taken either from a common connection of the transformer secondaries, or from a compensator connected to the alternating leads.

5. When a storage battery is used, the neutral wire can be joined to the center of the battery. (See Chapter V.) The battery can be then charged as a whole by means of a higher voltage of the main dynamo, or with the help of a booster set each part of the battery can be charged separately to balance the uneven discharge.

CHAPTER VII

FEEDER PANELS

Up to this point we have treated only the methods of generating d.c., and the standard panels controlling the output. Generators, converters, or storage batteries can be used to produce current either independently, in groups composed of like machines, or in mixed groups. This depends upon the number and size of the units and the size and character of the load. We are here concerned with the methods of feeding and the control systems for consumptions of different characters.

Fig. 31 shows switchboard wiring diagrams for d.c. feeder panels for railway service. The positive bus mentioned in former chapters, mounted on the back of the board, is identical with the one here shown. In Fig. 4 the positive bus is mounted on the machine, and therefore requires a special cable to connect it with the positive bus on the feeder panel. Three kinds of feeder panels are shown. Fig. 31-A is a panel controlling one feeder and hence is equipped with one circuit breaker, one ammeter with shunt, one kicking coil as lightning protector, and one lever switch. Fig. 31-C is a panel controlling two feeders. The equipment is the same as in Fig. 31-A, with the exception that there are two lever switches in place of one. Fig. 31-B is for two feeders with a double equipment of ammeters, kicking coils, and main switches. A modification of Fig. 31-B has only one ammeter, which is common to both lines. In all three cases when the feeders leave the station overhead, the instruments are protected by lightning-arresters. Fig. 32 shows front views of the three main types of panels and a rear view of Fig. 31-B. The same conditions which applied to panel mounting, busbars, and instrument connections for generator panels, also apply here. We thus have feeder panels where both positive and negative cables are supplied with energy from the board, corresponding to generator panels with both busbars mounted on the board. Such panels are generally used for voltages of from 125 to 250 for lighting purposes and power distribution. Each panel controls two, three, or four sets of outgoing feeders, and is supplied with the requisite number of

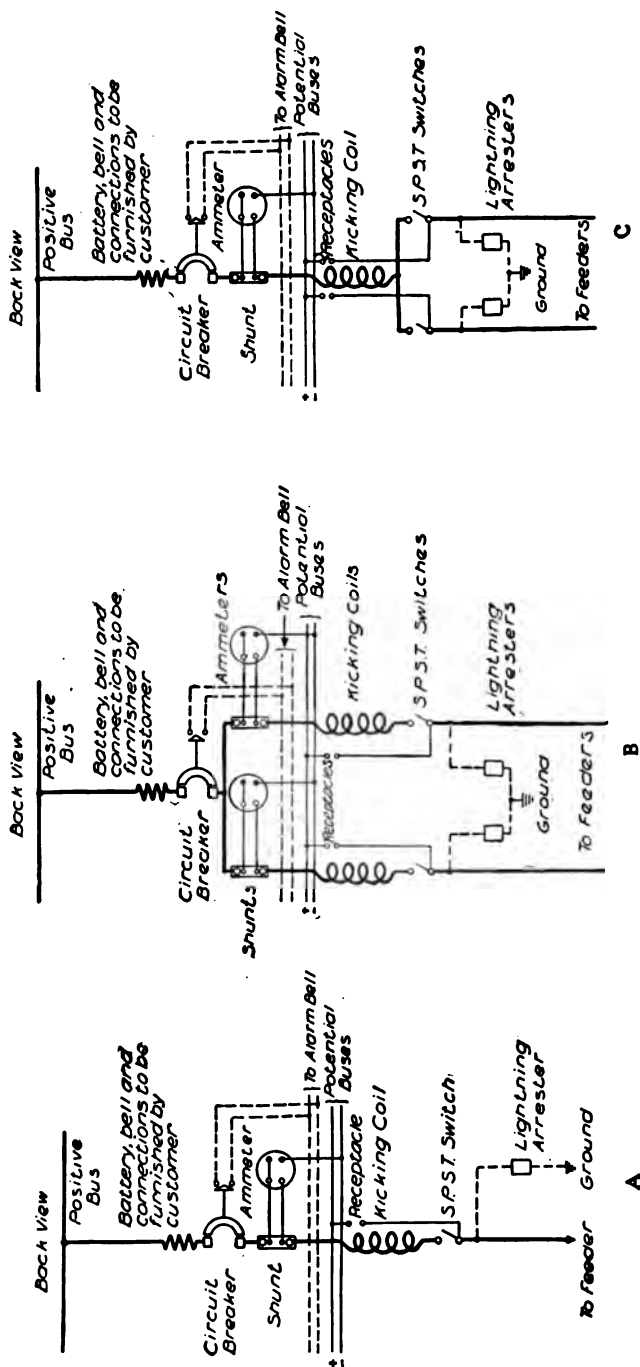


FIG. 31. Diagrams of connection for direct-current feeder panels.

circuit breakers and double-pole lever switches. Besides the above-mentioned instruments an ammeter may be supplied for each feeder set, and the voltage of all the feeders may be indicated by a single

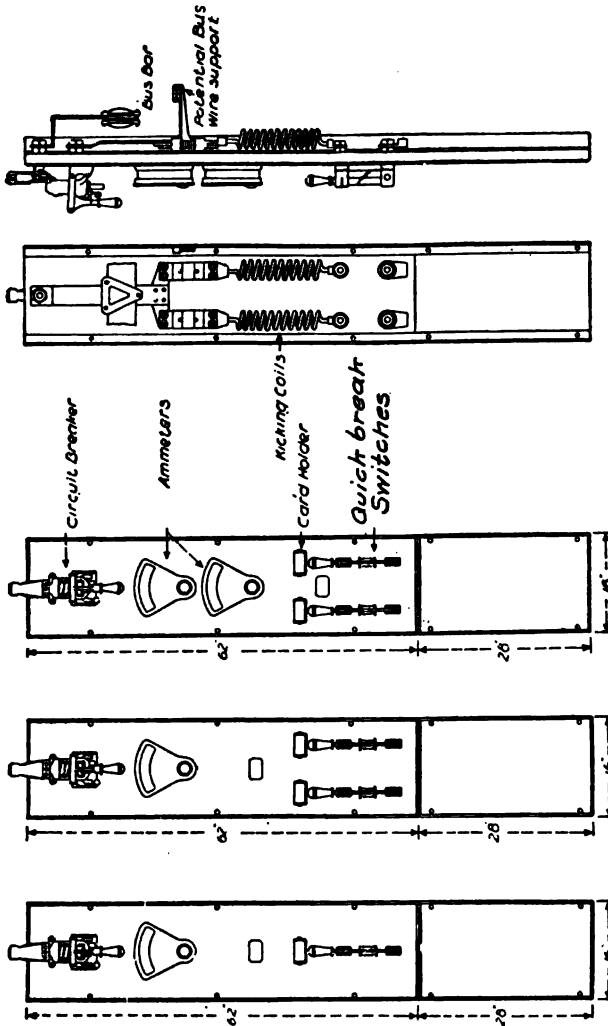


FIG. 32.—Feeder panels.

voltmeter. (See Fig. 33.) Fuses can be used for feeders of smaller capacity in place of circuit breakers, to insure against over-load. In this case each panel is capable of controlling a larger number of feeders. The fuses are mounted either on the front of the panel

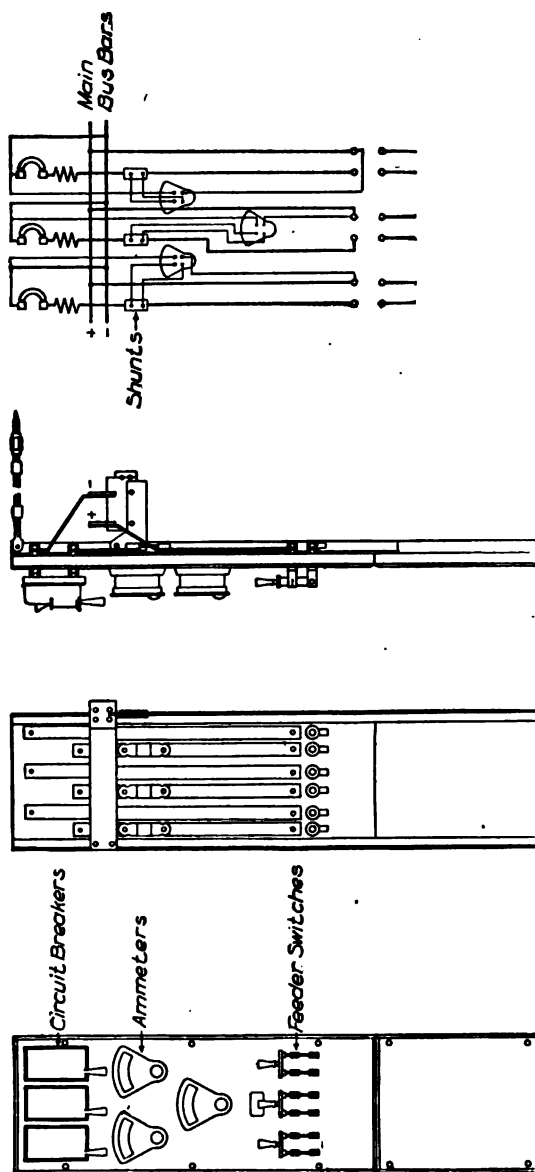


FIG. 33.—Two-wire feeder panels for 125 and 250 volts.

with the lever switches (see Fig. 34) or on separate slate bases on the panel rear.

The three-wire feeder panels differ only in the use of three-pole lever switches with or without fuses, or, when an equipment of circuit

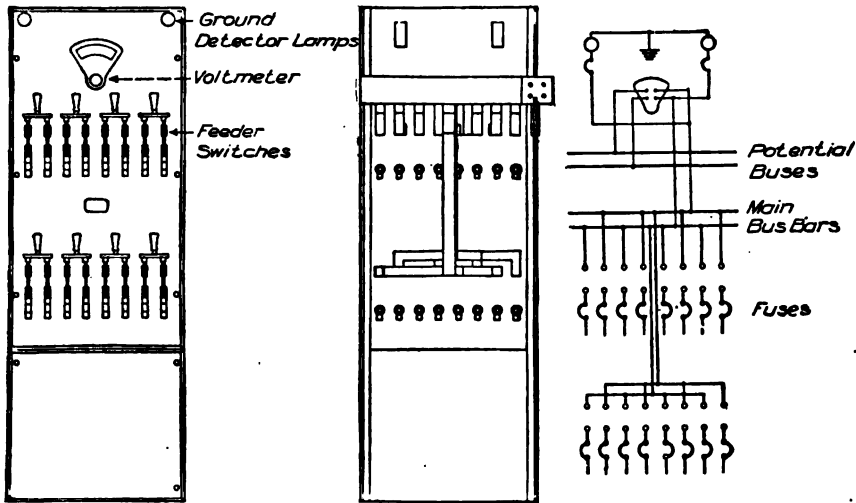


FIG. 34.—Two-wire feeder panels with fuses for 125 and 250 volts.

breakers is desired in the use of three single-pole circuit breakers with a common trip attachment which permits them to perform the combined functions of lever switches and circuit breakers.

CHAPTER VIII

DIRECT-CURRENT MOTORS

THE amount and distribution of the energy as supplied to the line by the central or sub-stations are controlled from the feeder panels. (See Chapter VII.) The consumption of energy by the individual customers is regulated at the various places of delivery. For lighting installations, lever switches with fuses are employed, which are mounted in groups on cabinet panels. One large double or three-pole lever switch controls the mains, while one or more rows of small double or three-pole switches control the individual lamp circuits. The control for traction systems is much more complicated. This is due to the fact that starting, change of speed, direction, grade, and load, as well as operation of numbers of portable motors, require a very involved switching arrangement. The regulation is accomplished by the controller in the hands of the motorman on the car. It is not the province of this book to give a detailed account of switching arrangements for electric cars or locomotives, as we here treat only of stationary arrangements or such as may be considered stationary in service, for example, portable sub-stations. When electrical energy is required to drive a stationary motor, a special switching arrangement is necessary. This is mounted on a panel near the machine. Fig. 35 is a wiring diagram of such a panel, with views of the board. The negative side of the shunt field-winding is connected on the line side of the starting rheostat to give a maximum field current on the motor when starting. By tripping the circuit breaker the field circuit is discharged through the armature of the motor. The low-voltage coil of the starting rheostat switch serves the purpose of opening the motor circuit when the source of power is interrupted. The starting rheostat switch arm is not released by the low-voltage coil until after the field is sufficiently dissipated, so that destructive arcing will not occur on the switch. When the motor is shut down a spring throws the arms of the switch back to the starting position. The spring also prevents the switch arm from remaining on an intermediate starting-point which might result in the burning out of the starting rheostat.

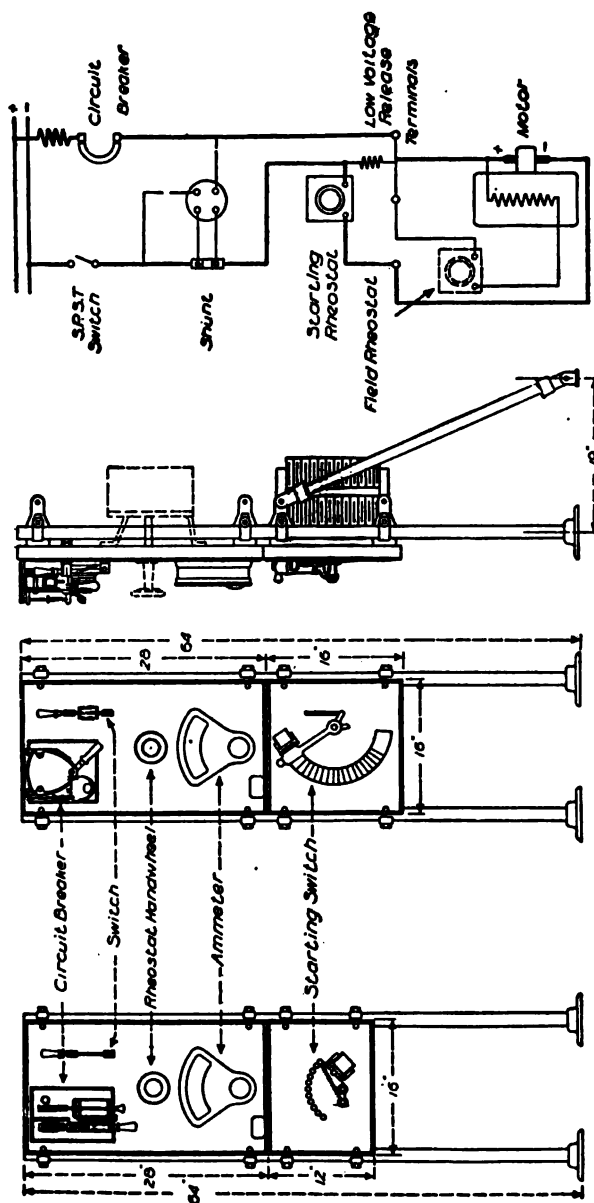


FIG. 35.—Continuous-current motor starting panels.

This switching arrangement is used for constant or adjustable speed motors, from 3 to 15 hp. 125 volts, or for from 3 to 50 hp. 550 volts. The speed of the adjustable speed motors is regulated by means of a field rheostat shown dotted on the diagram. In place of an ammeter with shunt, a current indicator in series with the circuit can be used wherever minute precision of measurement is not required.

Instead of starting rheostats with sliding contacts as illustrated in Figs. 35 and 36, a multiple switch system may often be used. The sliding contact construction calls for a sub-division of the resistance into a large number of steps, in order to reduce to a minimum the sparking which occurs when the contact is moved from one segment to another. Therefore, there is always some sparking with this type of construction. With the multiple switch system, however, there is no sparking at the switch in starting a motor, whether under load or not, and it is not necessary to divide the rheostat into as many sections. The single switches are pushed into clips before their full carrying capacity is obtained. The first switch is held closed by an electromagnet while all the other switches are held closed by latches. In front of each switch is placed a pivoted metal stop, so arranged as to prevent the closing of any of the switches until the switch next to it on the left has previously been closed. The metal stops therefore constitute the interlocking mechanism. When the supply of current is shut off, the first switch on the left opens and allows the stop on the second switch to drop so that this switch also opens, and releases the catch on the third switch and so on until all the switches open automatically. This automatic release protects the motor when the current is cut off and then suddenly turned on again, because the sudden rush of current through the motor armature when in circuit might be attended with disastrous results. The automatic release must be so arranged that when the supply of current is interrupted the lever switch will fly back to its "Full-off" position.

Another group of panels comprises those controlling variable speed motors connected to a three-wire circuit, which range in capacity from 2.5 hp. to 20 hp. 125 to 250 volts. The speed of the motors when used with panels shown in Fig. 36 may be increased 400 per cent. above the low speed of the motor. The machine is connected to the 125-volt or the 150-volt of the three-wire circuits by a single-pole, double-throw lever switch. The shunt field-winding is always connected to the 250-volt circuit. The field and direction of rota-

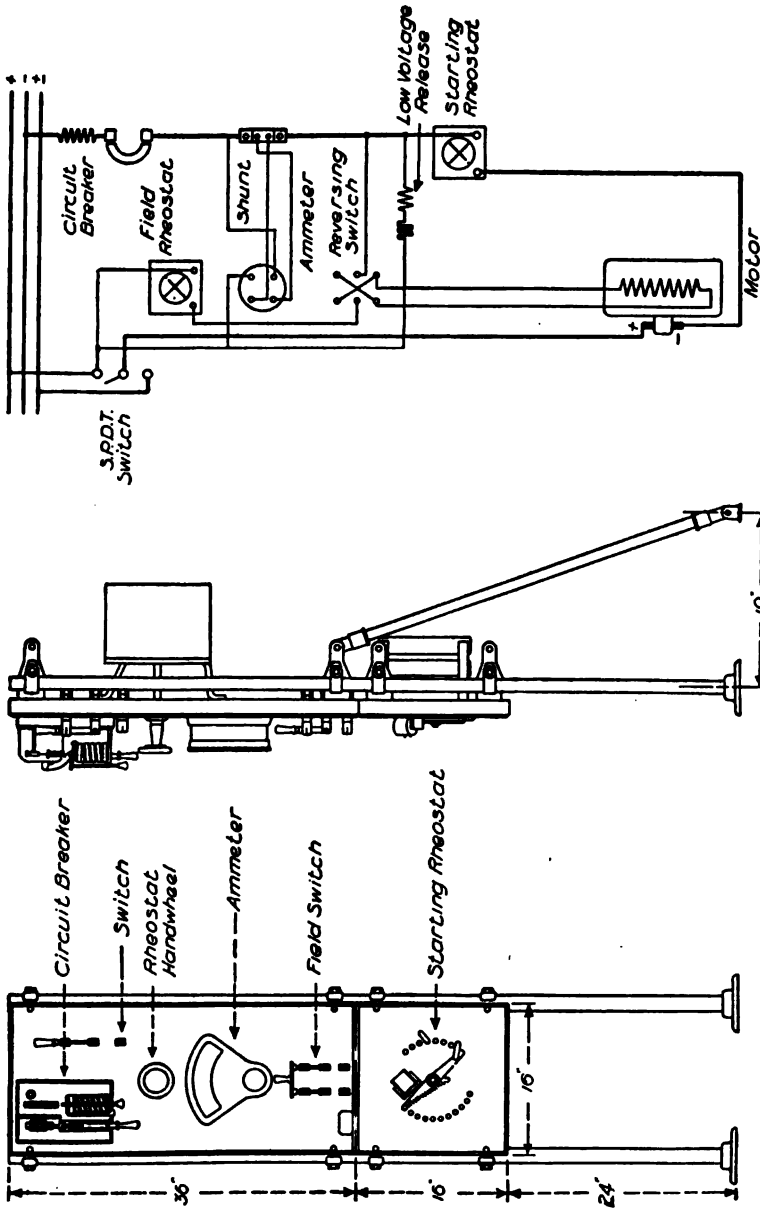


FIG. 36.—Continuous-current motor starting panels.

tion can be reversed by a double-pole, double-throw switch. However, as long as the motor is in motion, this switch should not be opened. Speed variation is regulated by the field rheostat, which, like the starting rheostat, is mounted on the board. In a modification of this group, the ammeter is replaced by a current indicator.

The normal speed of a motor can also be reduced by the use of a rheostat which inserts an external ohmic resistance in the armature circuit. The resistance and the contacts of such a rheostat must possess sufficient capacity to carry the current continuously on any step, provided this current does not exceed the amount required to operate the motor at its rated torque. This means that if the current required to operate the motor at full speed, with no rheostatic resistance in circuit, is approximately equal to the normal rating of the rheostat and motor, then the motor-speed regulator should have sufficient ohmic resistance to change the speed of the motor from full speed to one-half of full speed when driving a full-torque load.

If the current required to operate the motor under the foregoing conditions is greater than the rated capacity of the rheostat, the rheostat will operate at a higher temperature than that for which it is designed. This condition will cause the motor to run slower than one-half of full speed when all the resistance of the rheostat is inserted, with the consequent likelihood of damage to the motor and rheostat.

If the current required to operate the motor at full speed, with no rheostatic resistance in circuit, is less than the rated capacity of the rheostat, the motor is likely to operate at a higher speed than one-half of full speed when all the resistance of the rheostat is in circuit. It will be noted, therefore, that the speed at which the motor will revolve depends upon the load which it is driving when an attempt is made to alter its speed by the insertion of external ohmic resistance in the armature circuit.

A shunt-wound motor will operate at very nearly the same speed at variable loads within the capacity of the motor, provided no external ohmic resistance is inserted into the armature circuit. Just as soon as resistance is inserted, the automatic speed-regulating property of the shunt-wound motor is destroyed in proportion to the amount of external resistance used. In order to maintain a standard speed less than the normal speed of the motor, it is necessary to move the lever of the speed regulator by hand each and every time the load on the motor changes.

A peculiarity in speed variation is also the fact that the power required by some kinds of machinery when running slowly is a great deal less in proportion to the reduction of speed than in other classes of machinery. Some machines take almost as much current to run the motor at one-half speed as at full speed when this method of regulation is used.

Probably, the most notable example of these two classes of machinery are the ventilating fan and the hydraulic pump. A motor-driven ventilating fan is controlled by this class of speed regulator in such a way that approximately one-half as much current will be required to drive it at one-half speed as at full speed. A motor-driven hydraulic pump, however, takes practically as much at one-half speed as at full speed with this method of regulation.

Where the load driven by the motor varies greatly, the extensive regulation of its speed by means of resistance inserted in the armature circuit is almost sure to be more or less unsatisfactory except where an attendant is always present as in operating cranes, elevators, printing presses, etc.

Another group of panels includes those controlling small motors up to 5 hp. 125 volts, 10 hp. 250 volts, and 15 hp. 550 volts. These are constant-speed motors, and are protected against overload by fuses in place of circuit breakers. The panel may be mounted in any convenient place on account of the simplicity of its parts. Frame supports are shown in Figs. 35 and 36.

As dirt is not a good conductor of electricity rheostat, contacts will arc and burn unless they are kept clean. When a contact once begins to arc, this action will rapidly increase unless the contact is cleaned immediately.

It sometimes happens, especially in using a starting rheostat for the first time or after a long idle period, and when the motor is heavily loaded, that the rheostat will throw off much smoke. This should cause no alarm, however, as it is nothing more than the burning of accumulated outside matter.

The heat generated in the rheostat by the current can be effectively carried away only by supplying thorough ventilation.

To start a motor:

1. Close the main-knife switch. This action should not allow any current to pass through the motor.
2. Move the lever of the starting switch quickly and squarely on to the first segment and hold it there for about a second (the

same procedure refers also to the first switch of the multiple switch-starting rheostat).

3. Move the lever to the second segment and hold it there for about a second (or the second switch of the multiple switch and so on).

4. Then move the lever to the third segment and hold it there for about a second and so on from one segment to the next until the lever has been moved over all the segments to the short-circuit position, where it should be held firmly by the retaining magnet.

If the motor does not start when the lever of the starting rheostat is on the third segment, open the main-knife switch and look for the trouble.

This may be due to any of the following causes:

- a. Wrong connections.
- b. Excessive load on the motor.
- c. An open circuit of some kind.
- d. A short circuit of some kind.

In case of trouble it is always desirable to make sure that the fields of the motor are magnetized.

When stopping a motor open the main-knife switch and let the starting rheostat take care of itself.

It frequently happens that motors are called upon to start a load which requires a starting current much greater than the continuous carrying capacity of the motor even though the motor may operate within its rated capacity after it has been brought up to normal speed. It is also sometimes desirable to take a minute or more to start the motor. A well-constructed motor, however, will withstand temporarily a starting current two or three times as great as its normal rating. When such large starting currents as these are necessary, it simply means that larger starting rheostats than usual should be used.

CHAPTER IX

DIRECT-CURRENT CIRCUIT BREAKERS

WE have assumed that the user of this book is familiar with the construction and handling of measuring instruments and the simple forms of lever switches. We therefore treat only of the construction and operation of instruments which embody special features of modern switchboard arrangement. One of the most important pieces of apparatus included under this class is the circuit breaker. This term applies to all devices which automatically interrupt the circuit under special conditions. These conditions are twofold. They depend either on the variation in electrical energy flowing through the circuit breaker or on certain conditions of the machines in circuit, which in turn may produce or be a result of the first. Examples of the first condition are short-circuit, grounding, overload, underload, low voltage, current reversal, and phase reversal with a.c. Running away of an inverted converter is an example of the second condition. In this chapter we will treat only direct-current circuit breakers and low tension a.c. circuit breakers which differ materially from those generally used for high tension a.c. A circuit breaker may often displace the combination of switch and fuse to advantage. It insures greater continuity of service and avoids the expense and delays which are involved in the frequent replacement of fuses. The operation of the circuit breaker is absolutely positive, and it can be adjusted to trip at any predetermined point between wide limits of calibration. On the other hand, a fuse is inflexible in this respect; its time lag is appreciable and more or less dependent upon climatic conditions; and it can never be absolutely relied upon to rupture at its rated capacity. The main function of a circuit breaker is to interrupt current rapidly and at the required instant, without injury to itself. When the circuit breaker opens, an arc is formed which keeps up the circuit and is damaging to the apparatus. Devices must therefore be provided to suppress the arc, to divert it from the main contacts, or to blow it out at the instant of formation. The General Electric Company circuit breaker, type C, form K (Fig. 37), is so designed that the arc is diverted to secondary contacts, on top of the breaker, where it is

finally broken, thus protecting the main contacts from injury by burning. The auxiliary contacts have carbon tips which are easily renewed. This apparatus is used for heavy service and special railway work. It is made in two styles, one for circuits up to 250 volts, and from 800 to 6000 amp., and one for circuits up to 650 volts, and from 800 to 10,000 amp. The main contacts are bridged by a laminated copper brush, which is pressed against the contacts by a toggle joint.



FIG. 37.—Type C, form K, carbon break circuit breaker (General Electric Co.).

The automatic operation of a circuit breaker is usually accomplished through the medium of an electromagnet excited by current flowing through a wire or bar-wound coil (or its equivalent), surrounding at least one pole of the magnetic circuit. The coil may be wound for either current or potential, depending upon its method of connection in the circuit.

The current coil is connected in series with the circuit and is designed to carry all the current which flows through the circuit.

The power of the electromagnet depends on the amount of current flowing and not on the voltage of the circuit.

The potential coil is connected across the line and has to carry only that fraction of the total current that the voltage of the system can force through its high-resistance winding. Therefore the power of the electromagnet depends upon the potential of the system, and does not in any way depend upon the total amount of current flowing in that system.

Overload and underload protection is secured by the use of current coils, while low-voltage release and shunt trip attachments are actuated by potential coils.

The horseshoe type electromagnet of the overload trip when energized attracts a swinging armature, which armature on its upward motion releases a catch, thus permitting the breaker to open. A flat spring and the weight of the brushes which are pressed against the contacts throw the breaker open.

With the underload trip, when the current flowing through the circuit falls below a predetermined value, the energy of the electromagnet is insufficient to counteract the force of the spring acting on its armature. Hence this armature is released and strikes the tripping lever a hammer blow, thereby opening the circuit breaker.

The principle upon which the tripping of a type C circuit breaker of the Westinghouse Company is based is the lifting of a weight against gravity, by the magnetic pull produced by an electric current. The circuit breaker can be adjusted to operate for different current strengths by moving the weight along a graduated scale beam. This adjustment is possible, because for every displacement of the weight, a corresponding magnetic pull is required, which is produced by different values of the main current. The laminated contact bridge is similar to that of the General Electric Company breaker described above. When the breaker opens the current is gradually shifted through the copper shunts to the carbon contacts, and thus no arc is formed until the final break takes place between the carbon contacts at the top. Since the arc is blown out in an upward direction, it is advisable to mount the breakers near the top of the switchboard, in order to protect other instruments against damage.

These breakers are manufactured by G. E. Company and the Westinghouse Company for d.c., as well as for a.c. use. They are built single, double, or triple-pole, separated from each other by marble barriers, and are tripped independently by automatic tripping coils. By means of special devices the tripping coils can be interlocked

in such a way that the circuit breakers are closed and opened together, or that the closing is independent and the opening simultaneous. For these breakers, the service voltage should not exceed 750.

Fig. 38 shows a General Electric Company circuit breaker, type M, where the arc is blown out at the instant of formation, by means of a magnetic field. This type is recommended for use with

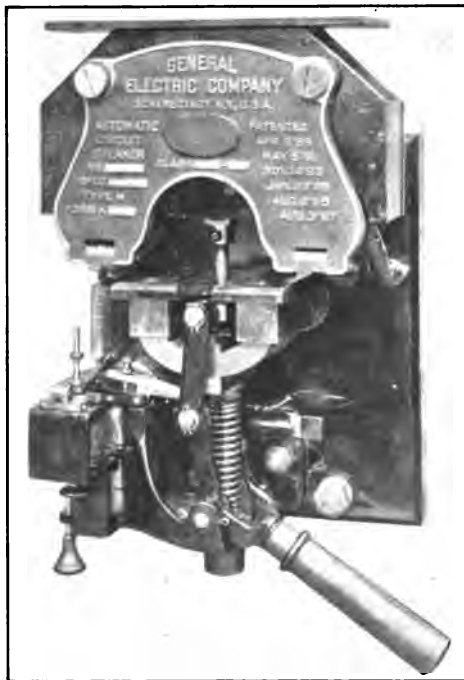


FIG. 38.—Type M, magnetic blow-out circuit breaker (General Electric Co.).

generator or feeder panels connected to circuits where violent overloads are frequent. The secondary contacts and the coil of the blow-out magnet are in parallel with the main contacts. Owing to the comparatively high resistance of the secondary contacts there is practically no current through them until main contacts open. Then the whole current is shifted to the magnet coils, and the strong magnetic field extinguishes the arc as soon as it is formed on the secondary contact. The secondary contacts and coil are inclosed in a fiber box over the main contacts. The laminated copper con-

tact bridge is pressed against the main contacts by a toggle joint. The tripping is accomplished by means of a horseshoe magnet, which encircles one of the main studs on the rear of the panel. Its action is similar to that of the breaker first described. When the breaker is released by the armature of the magnet, the bridge is thrown open by the action of a spiral spring and its own weight. This type is adapted to 650 volts and from 3000 to 10,000 amp. Several other forms of breakers of the types mentioned are on the market, corresponding in their construction to the various requirements of current, voltage, and character of service. In most of these forms the tripping coil is in series with the line which is to be

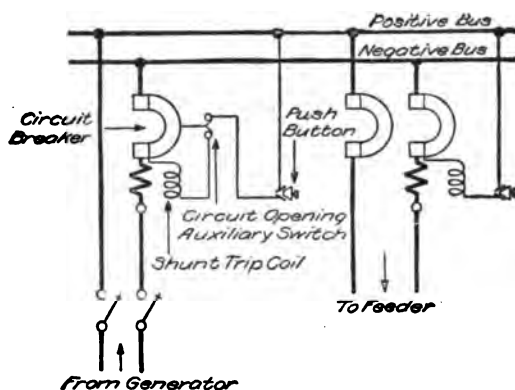


FIG. 39.—Connection of shunt trip coil with and without circuit opening auxiliary switch.

protected. All of the breakers are constructed so as to interrupt overload. Through additional devices they may be tripped also at low load, or low tension at over voltage and on reverse-current. They can also be operated by push button from any given place, or they may be tripped together. Figs. 12, 13 and 40 show the switching arrangements for the low-voltage release of the breaker connected with the speed limiter of a converter. Its object is to trip the circuit breaker when the line voltage drops to 50 per cent. or less of the normal pressure. It also performs the function of a shunt trip when used in conjunction with a push button, auxiliary switch, or speed limiting device. Fig. 39 shows the diagram of a shunt trip with and without circuit-opening auxiliary switch. It can be operated by means of a push button from any desired point. At the moment of opening of the circuit breaker, the auxiliary switch

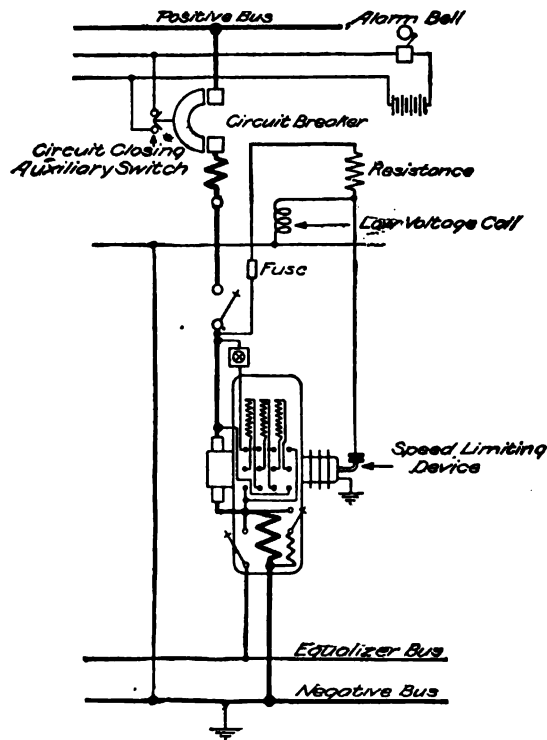


FIG. 40.—Connection of circuit-breaker with low-voltage coil with circuit closing auxiliary switch.

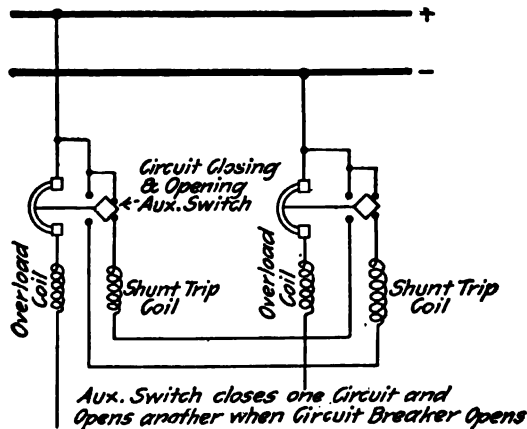


FIG. 41.—Connection for interlocking two circuit breakers by means of shunt trips and auxiliary switches.

opens the shunt circuit. The circuit opening auxiliary switch may also be employed to trip another circuit breaker having a low-voltage attachment, and permitting another circuit breaker to remain closed only when the circuit breaker equipped with the auxiliary switch is open. Closing auxiliary switches are also constructed, built on the same line as opening auxiliary switches. They are used for closing tell-tales or signal lamp circuits at the instant of main current interruption. (See Figs. 1, 5, 12, 13 and 40.) Cir-

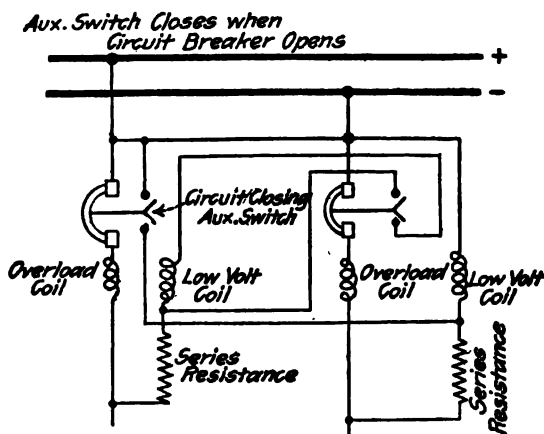


FIG. 42.—Connection for interlocking two circuit breakers by means of low-voltage releases and auxiliary switches.

circuit closing and opening auxiliary switches are employed when two or more breakers are interlocked, these being used for simultaneous operation or to fix a predetermined sequence of operations. (See Fig. 41.) At the moment of tripping of the circuit breaker, the auxiliary switch interrupts the circuit of its own shunt coil, but closes that of the second circuit breaker, thus causing the circuit breaker to be tripped. Fig. 42 is a similar diagram of two interlocked circuit breakers with the use of circuit-closing auxiliary switches and low-voltage coils.

The line is protected against current reversal by a reverse current relay in the breaker. These relays are especially necessary when storage batteries supply the line in conjunction with a motor-generator set, or synchronous converter. They prevent the batteries from delivering energy back into the motor-generator set or converter in case of disturbance on the high-tension side. This type of relay consists of a horseshoe magnet encircling one of the contacts

125 VOLT BUSES NEAR CIRCUIT BREAKER

SERIES BLOW OUT COIL FOR D.T. SWITCH ON CIRCUIT BREAKER CLOSED WHEN CIRCUIT BREAKER IS CLOSED

CLOSING COIL

TRIP COIL

CLOSED WHEN CIRCUIT BREAKER IS OPEN

CLOSED AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHILE OVERLOAD IS ON CIRCUIT BREAKER

D.T. SWITCH ON CIRCUIT BREAKER CLOSED ONLY BY OVERLOAD ON CIRCUIT BREAKER

RED LAMP

FUSE

D.T. FULL BUTTON SWITCH BOTH THROWS CAN NOT BE CLOSED AT SAME TIME

FUSE

GREEN LAMP

125 VOLT BUSES ON CONTROLLING BOARD

BUSES SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY FUSES

SWITCH SHOWING LAMP DISTANCE FOR OVER 125V

breakers, one or more single-pole, double-throw, twin-pull button-control switches, with the necessary indicating lamps, red and green lenses are required. Fig. 43 shows the arrangements for two circuit breakers for 4000 amps. operated by an electric motor. Both breakers are connected in series with each other, and with a single-pole, double-throw switch. The opening and closing are simultaneous. The double-throw switch is operated by the same motor, and is shut down only after closing of the circuit breaker, so that in case the feeder is closed on a short-circuit the breaker can im-

mediately open. The arrangement described is that used by the New York Central Railroad Company in their circuit breaker substations. Fig. 44 shows the connection of 800 or 1200 ampere breaker with an overload device operating the trip coil of the solenoid mechanism.

Breakers for compound-wound generators should always be connected on the side opposite to the series field. If this is not feasible, as with three-wire generators having two series fields, they should be connected between the armature and the equalizer connections. If this is not followed the armature cannot be properly protected and the breakers are liable to trip out on account of the equalizing currents, at the time when it is most important for them to stay closed.

For the protection of shunt-wound two-wire generators on two-wire or three-wire lighting systems, single-pole overload, single-pole reverse-current or a combination of both breakers are suitable. Compound-wound two-wire generators on two-wire or three-wire systems should always be equipped with overload protective devices. Railway generators are almost invariably compound wound and have the negative side grounded. The main switchboard panels should be of positive polarity, with single-pole overload or single-pole overload and reverse-current circuit breakers, the series field being on the negative side. A single-pole overload circuit breaker should be connected in the negative lead between the brush and the equalizer tap, in order to protect the generator against internal troubles, unless the machine is motor-driven, in which case reliance can be placed on the motor protective devices.

Three-wire generators are usually compound wound and should always be provided with overload protective devices.

With motor-generator sets one of the following protective devices should be provided:

1. When the motor-generator set has a speed limit device, the generator panel should contain a circuit breaker with either a shunt trip or low-voltage attachment.
2. When the motor-generator set does not have a speed-limit device and the motor is protected by fuses, a reverse-current circuit breaker should be used on the generator panel.
3. When the motor-generator set does not have a speed-limit device and the motor is protected by an automatic oil switch, the latter should be equipped with an auxiliary switch while the generator panel should have a circuit breaker with either shunt trip or

low-voltage attachment, so connected that when the motor switch opens, the auxiliary switch on the same will trip the generator breaker.

When motor-generator sets are reversible, low-voltage coils should be used to protect the d.c. generators when operating as motors.

For synchronous converters the same d.c. protective devices are required as for d.c. generators but no negative circuit breaker is necessary for grounded railway service as the a.c. protective devices take care of the internal troubles in the machine. Speed-limit devices are usually furnished with synchronous converters and require the use of shunt-trip coils or low-voltage release coils on the breakers.

For d.c. motors, single-pole or double-pole overload circuit breakers should be used for protection. Low-voltage coils should be provided, either on the breakers or starting rheostat switches, to cut off the motor if the source of power fails and for use with speed-limit devices when furnished.

Railway feeder boosters are ordinarily series wound and motor-driven, speed-limit devices being provided for the sets. Single-pole overload circuit breakers are required and, when no speed limit device is provided, they should be mechanically or electrically interlocked with the motor breakers so that, in case the motor breaker trips out, the boosters cannot operate as series motors without load. Breakers good for the bus voltage plus the booster voltage should be used.

Protective devices for batteries should be designed for the equipment as a whole, including boosters and regulators, and for the operating conditions of the particular battery.

Railway feeder panels for grounded negative systems are connected in the positive side and should contain a single-pole overload circuit breaker for each circuit.

Two-wire feeder circuits on two-wire systems should be equipped with single-pole overload circuit breakers. On small capacity circuits double-pole breakers can be used to save space.

Two-wire feeder circuits on three-wire systems can be protected by the same devices as are used on two-wire systems, unless connected to the "outsides" of a grounded neutral system. In this case, two single-pole overload circuit breakers mechanically or electrically interlocked (or a double-pole double-coil breaker) should be used.

Three-wire feeders should be protected by two single-pole overload circuit breakers mechanically or electrically interlocked (or a double-pole double-coil breaker) regardless of whether the neutral is grounded or ungrounded.

No carbon circuit breaker is suitable for operation in cement or flour mills, plaster or furniture factories or any similar industry where acid fumes or excessive dust and dirt are present. For operation in such location, the installation of oil circuit breakers is strongly recommended. (See Chapter XV.) Where carbon circuit breakers are installed in places subject to an accumulation of dust and dirt, special care should be taken to keep the contacts clean and bright. Circuit breakers which in the course of operation are rarely opened, should be regularly opened and cleaned by the attendant to insure good contact.

CHAPTER X

DIRECT-CURRENT STATIONS

We will use this term to include only those direct-current plants where natural or derived mechanical energy is converted into electrical energy. Converter stations do not come under this heading, inasmuch as they interconvert the different forms of electrical energy only. Direct-current stations are constructed to furnish energy for traction, for stationary motors, for lighting systems, and for chemical or metallurgical purposes. Plants for power and lighting are often built in one, while traction plants may also be used for different classes of work. Direct-current stations are not used for high-tension transmission systems in this country. European exceptions to this rule are the Thury d.c. transmission systems, for example, St. Maurice-Lausanne operating at 27,000 volts, and Mountier-Lyon at 57,600 volts.

TRACTION

Direct-current central stations for from 550 to 650 service voltage are profitable only when the traction system is confined to a small area, and when it is possible to locate the power house at or near the load center. The reason for this is found in the fact that for larger systems the cost of copper for feeders materially increases the first cost, thus making the investment unprofitable. We therefore see that 600-volt d.c. stations are limited to small street railway systems or to isolated traction systems for industrial purposes. When a system has outgrown the area for which the plant was originally designed, independent plants may be added to supply the different sections. The choice between adding independent stations or changing the method of supply to another system depends upon conditions.

When the service voltage is doubled (say to 1200 volts), the economic limit of operation is correspondingly increased.

After the characteristics of the proposed line are known such as length, direction, curvature, and grade, the next duty of the engineer consists in determining the average load in different sections of the

line, from known data as to size, occupation, and shifting of the population of the adjacent territory. From these points he is enabled to fix upon the load center of the average load. Since the load center determines the minimum weight of copper necessary for feeders, the advantage of locating the power house at this point is evident. Value of real estate, proximity of water and coal supply, and methods of feeder installation must naturally be taken into consideration. The feeder system is calculated and distributed after the maximum load of different parts of the line or the load variation per day and per season have been determined. All of these calculations and estimates serve to fix the number and size of the power units in the central station. The location of the power house is often predetermined by the proximity of water power to the system. Other sources of power must often be added to that afforded by water power in order to meet the requirements of the service. The size of the building is completely determined by the number and size of the generators, by the choice of motive power, and by the estimated expansion necessary in future time. The portion of the building with which we are concerned is that part which is reserved for the installation of generators, auxiliary electric machines, switchboards, and cables. In practice, the electrical engineer must work hand in hand with the mechanical and civil engineers and architect. In d.c. central stations the switchboard, which is generally a direct-control board, is located in a place whence the operator can easily overlook all the machines. It is therefore placed in a gallery at one end, or along one of the main walls of the machine room.

HIGH-TENSION TRACTION

The recent tendency has been to increase the service voltage. This tendency is advocated by Mr. Frank J. Sprague (*Str. R. J.*, Dec. 23, 1905), Mr. Hobart (*Electrical Review*, London, Vol. 46), and Dr. Louis Bell ("Power Distribution for Electric Railways"). The following paragraphs sum up the arguments in favor of the high-tension current brought forth by the above-mentioned engineers:

One of the most important factors in the investment and cost of operation for an electric traction system is the value of copper in the feeders and trolley wires and the drop in voltage due to their resistance. With a given service voltage, as for instance, 550, a certain drop in the line and a corresponding minimum cross section of

feeders is permissible. Any extension of the service area or load will cause an increase of drop in voltage, which must be compensated for by allowing a larger cross section of feeders, or by the use of additional feeders. This increase in copper weight can be avoided by increasing the service voltage, thus decreasing the current.

The weight of copper varies inversely as the square of the voltage. That is, if we double the voltage from 500 to 1000, a line four times as long can be supplied, using the same amount of copper, and allowing the same per cent. drop. The actual results are slightly better even than these figures indicate, since the track return gets relatively better and better as the voltage rises and the current diminishes. A larger percentage can therefore be allowed for the copper line drop. This matter is of even greater importance for a.c. central stations and d.c. sub-stations. (See Chapter XXVI.) For voltage between 750 and 1000 the construction of generators of less than 1000 kw. rating is entirely feasible. If the cost of one large machine should be too great, this machine may be replaced by two smaller ones of lower voltage connected in series, or by two synchronous converters. The increased voltage may also be obtained by making use of a booster, as will be explained later. The motors used for this system are also easy to construct, a 650-volt machine is guaranteed for 750 volts. The motors used for the Berlin Elevated System, and for the Interurban Railway of Zweisimmen-Montreaux, are built for 800-850 volts, but are actually wound for 1000 volts. By a series-multiple connection, motors for 500-600 volts can be used in 1000-1200-volt circuits. There are a number of railway systems in the United States which now employ or contemplate employing a direct e.m.f. of 1200 volts.

LIGHTING SYSTEMS

The economic considerations involved in this class of plants are similar to those discussed under traction systems. Small system d.c. stations are built at the load centers. They are often called upon to supply energy for motors, for which purpose separate machines are sometimes used. If the number of units for various purposes is increased above a certain point, the efficiency of the station will become less than would have been the case had the small generators been replaced by a few large a.c. machines used in conjunction with converters. The most common case where d.c. is used for lighting is that of isolated plants, for office buildings,

theaters, hotels, etc. Such plants are of the most economical form, because they are located near the receiving apparatus, and the cost of wiring is therefore reduced to a minimum. Besides supplying energy for the lighting system, the plant also supplies energy for elevators, fans and other light machinery. The predominating system for light and power distribution is the three-wire system. Where higher voltage for certain purposes is not obtainable with this system, separate units must be used, as mentioned above.

By a system of feeders and mains, direct current is usually distributed at 220 volts from a station located at the center of power demand. When the limit of economical distribution from a single station is reached, additional stations are built and all the stations are connected by tie lines. Characteristic of these stations are:

1. Good voltage regulation, because the tying together of the mains results in the exchange of energy between the feeders and thereby equalizes the voltage.

2. High economy resulting from the parallel operation of all stations and the consequent reduction of line losses to a minimum. As the reactive drop and magnetic screening are absent with direct current, a large conductor can thus be used and a greater density of load can thereby be cared for.

3. Parallel operation of all stations to guard the system in case of the breakdown of one or several stations. By limiting the resistance of the mains and the feeders, the effect of any breakdown at any point of the system is confined to its immediate vicinity. Thus no local breakdown involves or even seriously affects the entire system.

4. Use of a storage battery reserve, which greatly increases the service reliability and maintains service even during a complete shut-down of all generating stations.

For certain classes of service, such as high-speed elevators, direct current is more advantageous.

It frequently happens in medium-sized European towns that after the municipal gas works have reached the limit of their capacity, the future wants of the population must be provided for either by extending the works and the pipe lines or by constructing an electric power system. In most cases the latter alternative is given the preference as electrical energy is better adapted than its competitor to supply the light, heat, and motive power required under the highly variable conditions of public service.

In such towns, direct-current systems with a storage battery

are most frequently adopted. In choosing the prime mover for the dynamos in cases where no water power or cheap coal is available, oil engines of Diesel type have been favored very frequently in recent years because of their small space requirements, easy superintendence, high thermal efficiency (37 per cent.) absence of smoke and ash and immediate readiness for service. In fact the Diesel installations often make it possible for small and medium-sized direct-current power houses to maintain themselves despite the competition of much larger generating systems.

CHAPTER XI

TYPICAL ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS MEMPHIS STREET RAILWAY COMPANY (TENNESSEE)

THE power house is an old building with an annex of modern construction. In this annex is installed a 2000 kw. G. E. generator, driven by an Allis-Chalmers vertical two-cylinder, cross-compound engine of 3000 hp. Fig. 45 shows a load curve of the system, for January 27, 1908. Plans have been made for a further extension to accommodate a second generator of the same type and foundations for a third. Fig. 46 is a plan of the foundations of the three engines on whose shafts the generators are mounted. The right wall is that of the old power house, which communicates with the



FIG. 45.—Load curve of the Memphis Street Railway Company's power house.

annex by only one door. The plan shows the cable distribution. The positive cables lead from the foundations of the machine where they are inclosed in the ducts, under the engine-room floor, and to the front wall, whence they pass between the windows up to the switchboard gallery. The plan indicates the cable disposition for possible fourth and fifth generators. The negative and equalizer buses are conducted in tile tubes through the foundations and are connected by means of cables with their proper switches, which are in turn connected with the terminals of the machine by cables running through the foundations. Figs. 46 and 47 also show the manner of conducting the feeders from the main building into the underground

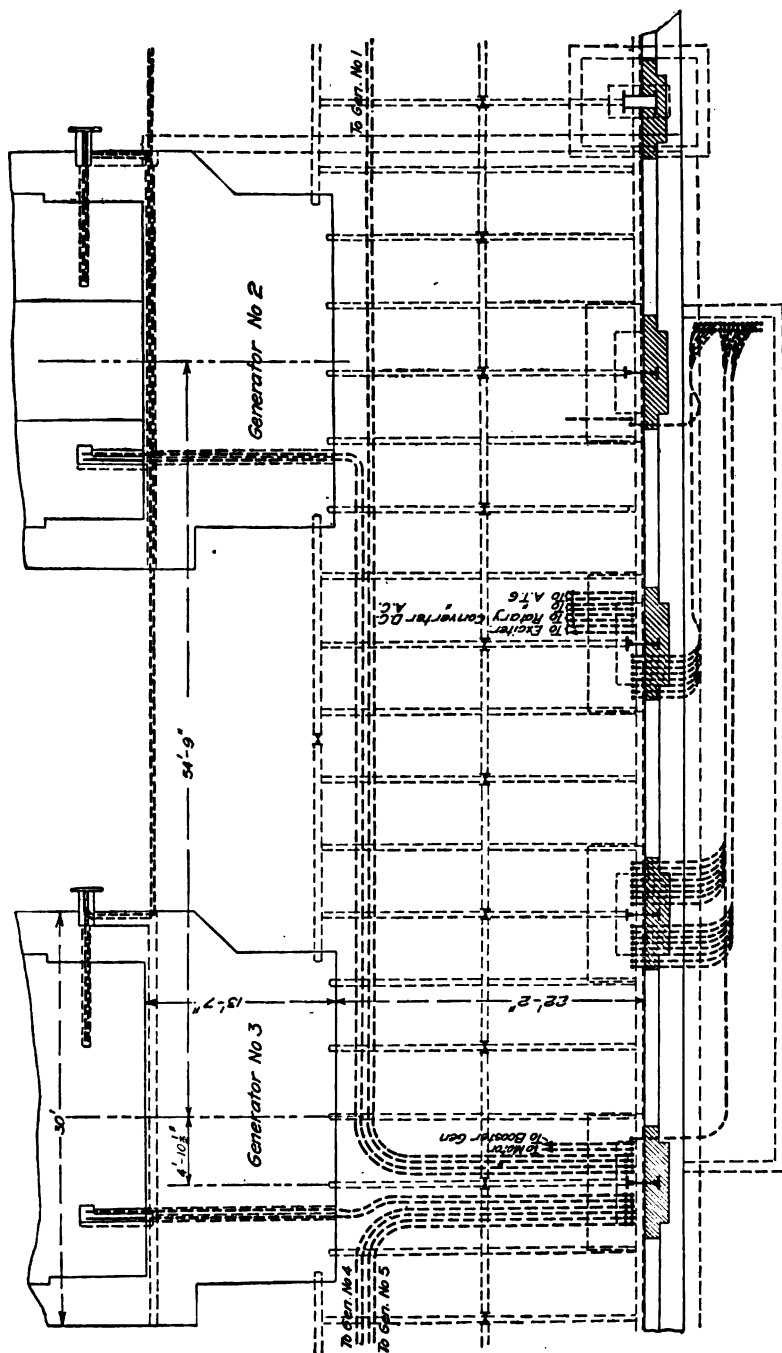


FIG. 46.—Plan of engine room, showing layout of generator cables (Memphis Street Railway Company).

passage which runs along the main wall. The feeders are supported on racks in three rows, one on the main wall and two rows on either side of a pipe support in the center of the passage. At the end of

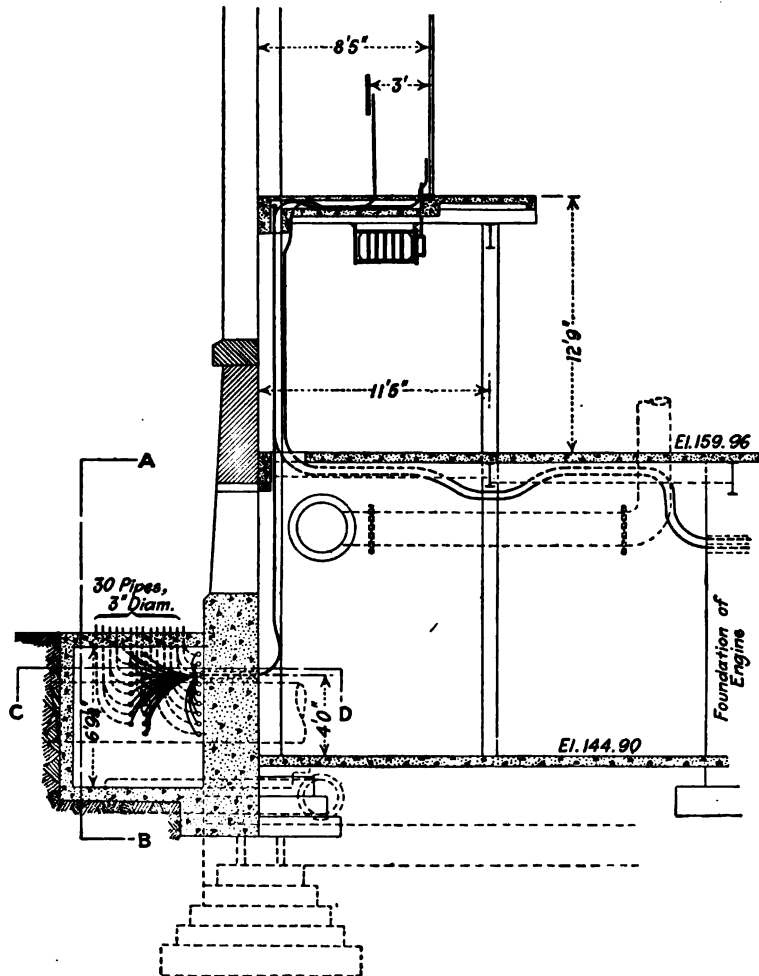
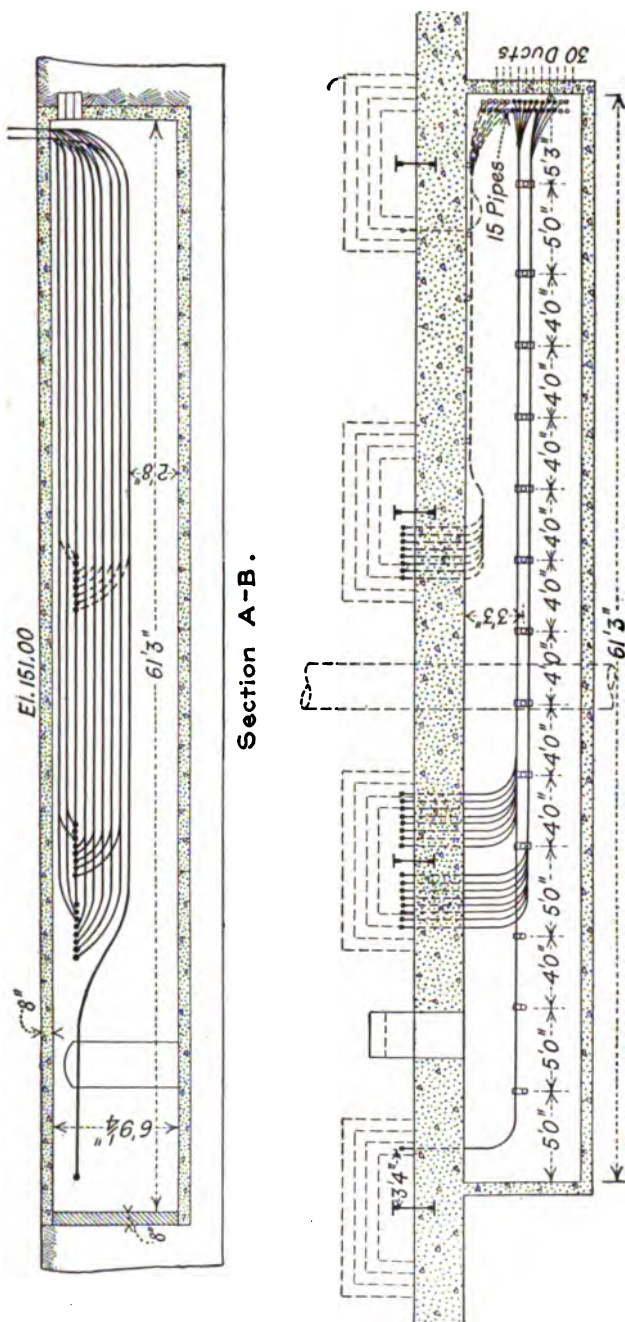


FIG. 47a.—Section through switchboard gallery (Memphis Street Railway Company).

the passage the feeders pass through the ceiling to the overhead transmission line. A number of ducts are built into the end of the passageway, to be used in case it is desired to extend the feeders underground instead of overhead. Figs. 48 and 49 show front,



rear, and side views of the switchboard and the wiring diagram of the station. The positive bus of the generators is mounted on the board, and the machines are equalized on the negative side. A general output ammeter, a recording wattmeter, and a watt-hour meter are connected with the main bus between the generator and feeder connections. A motor booster set is connected to the buses, whose functions are as follows:

In traction systems the service area sometimes expands to such an extent that there is a considerable voltage loss at the extreme points. This is also the case in systems where at certain points the load rises to an excessive degree. In order to overcome this difficulty, the cross section of the feeder conductors to these points

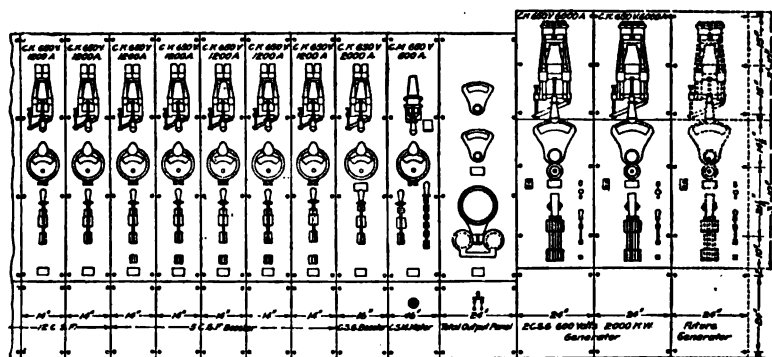


FIG. 48a.—Switchboard, front view (Memphis Street Railway).

must be increased, so that the voltage drop may be kept under a certain maximum. Several such feeders of large cross section and increased weight are sufficient to add materially to the necessary investment. One of the methods of diminishing the cost due to this source is to increase the initial pressure of the feeder in question to such a point that the resultant voltage will at all times be above the required minimum. The voltage of the generator itself can be raised only to a limited value by means of over-compounding the machine. If this value is exceeded the higher voltage at other parts of the system, as, for instance, near the station, becomes a serious disadvantage. Over-compounding the generator also causes increase in cost. In cases where the probable growth of the system can be estimated, a.c. plants with converters are often recommendable. However, we have another means at our disposal for raising

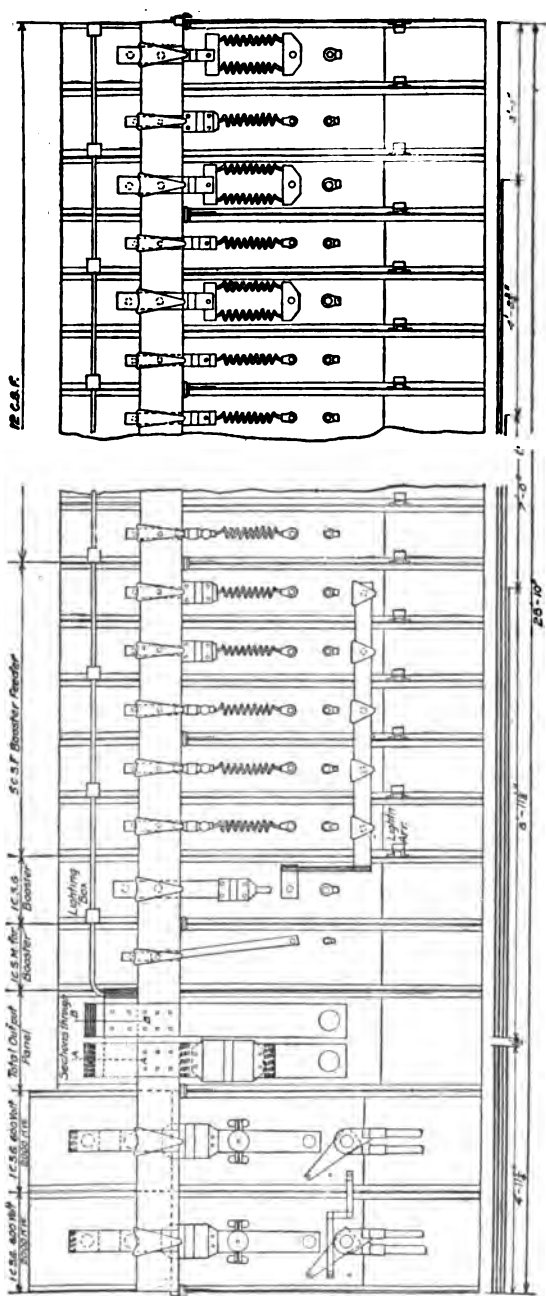
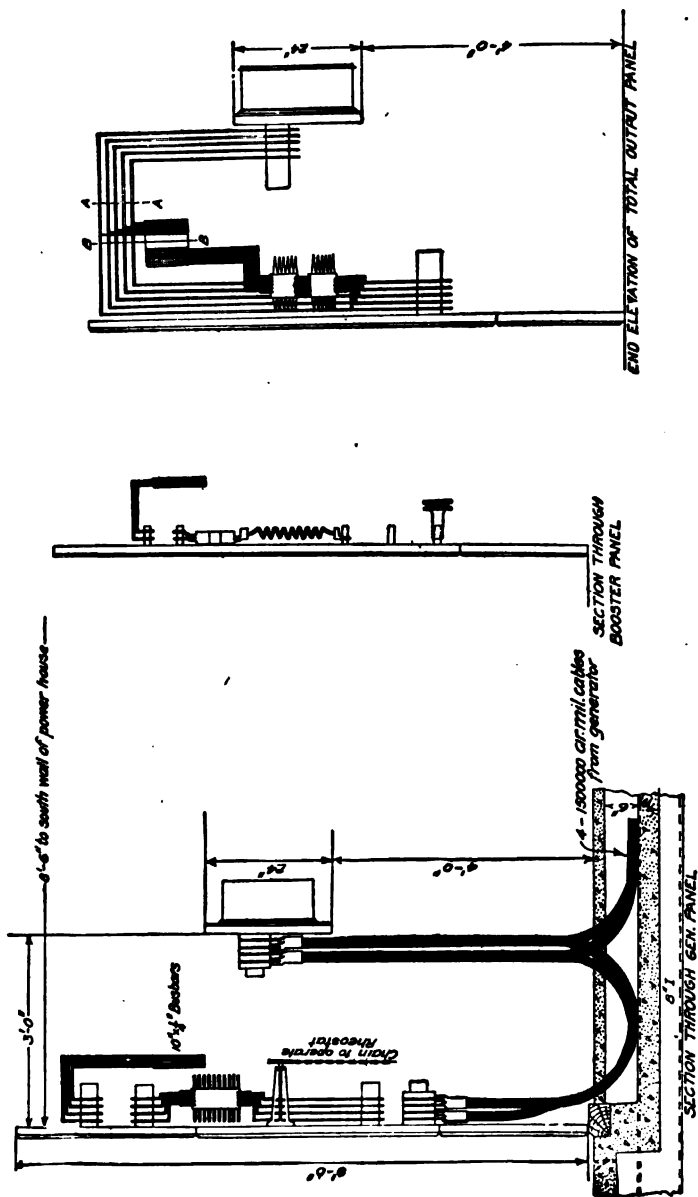


FIG. 48*b*.—Switchboard, back view (Memphis Street Railway).



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Figs. 48c and 48d.—Switchboard, section and side view (Memphis Street Railway).

the voltage of the system at certain points, or in the whole line, and this is the application of the booster. (See Chapter V, case 2.)

Fig. 50 shows a booster in series with the main circuit. The case

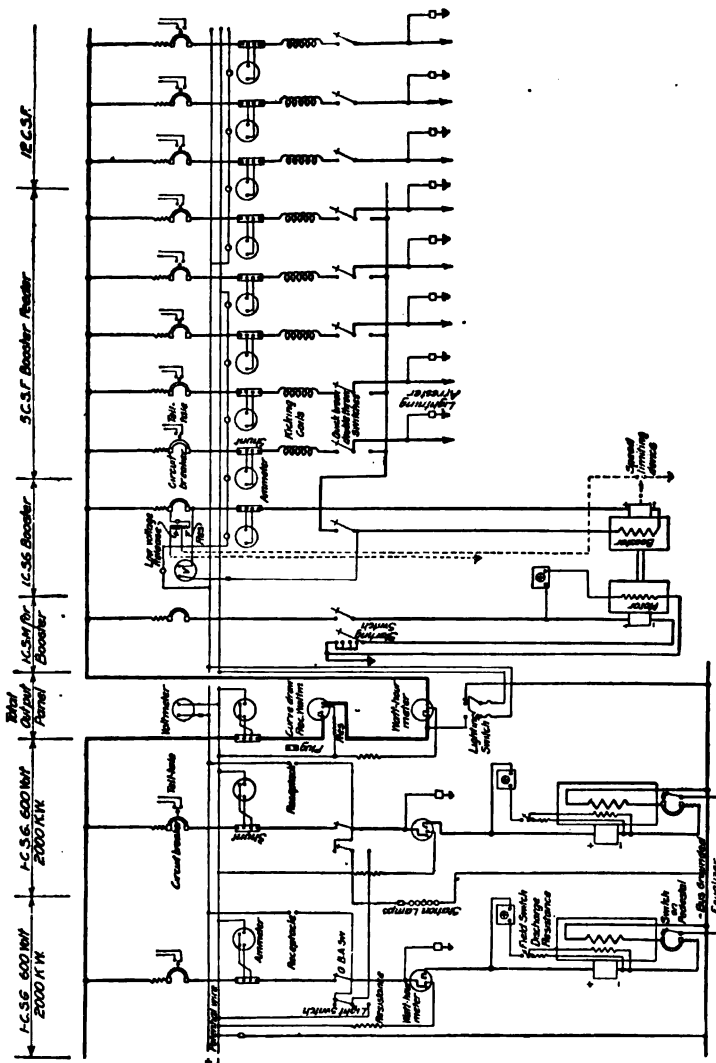


FIG. 49.—Switchboard wiring (Memphis Street Railway).

taken is that of a generator feeding only one main at an e.m.f. of 550 volts. The booster voltage is assumed at 200, and the current at 500 amp., so that the combined voltage amounts to 750. Since

the initial voltage is 750 a loss of 300 may be allowed on the line. The reduction in cross section of the feeder thus made possible is considerable when compared with the cross section necessary with an initial voltage of 550, and an allowable drop of 150 volts. This method of allowing the booster to feed directly into the line is economical only when used about three hours per day of service at full load. It is therefore well suited to help over the time of unusually heavy traffic. For, although the initial cost of the booster, which is generally driven by a motor or other mechanical power, is small when compared with the saving in copper, its operation for a larger period than three hours at full load is nevertheless very expensive and uneconomical on account of the energy lost in the line. This machine is used to its best advantage for the independent operation

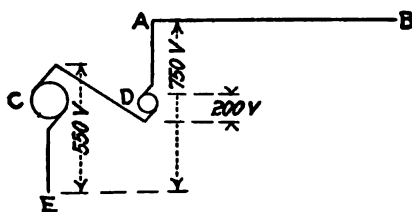


FIG. 50.—Diagram of booster connections.

of the special feeders required, not including the entire system. This is the case assumed in Figs. 48 and 49. The booster, which is driven by a d.c. motor, is connected through double-throw switches with five feeders, thus making it possible to feed these cables with either the normal voltage of 600 from the main bus, or the higher voltage from the booster bus. The side and the rear views of the switchboard show the busbar connections and mountings. The four cables of 1,500,000 cir. mils each for each generator, are run up the wall to the gallery floor, where they are laid in brick partitioned channels. (Fig. 51.) They are then connected to the watt-hour meters mounted on separate slate slabs in back of the board. From the watt-hour meters they lead back under the floor to the main switch on the generator panel. The three spaces between the main wall, watt-hour meter panels, main switchboard, and gallery edge are kept to a minimum in order to keep down the width of the gallery, but are nevertheless wide enough to admit a safe access to all parts. The switchboard stands on a wooden block 1 inch above the floor. The channels for the generator and feeder

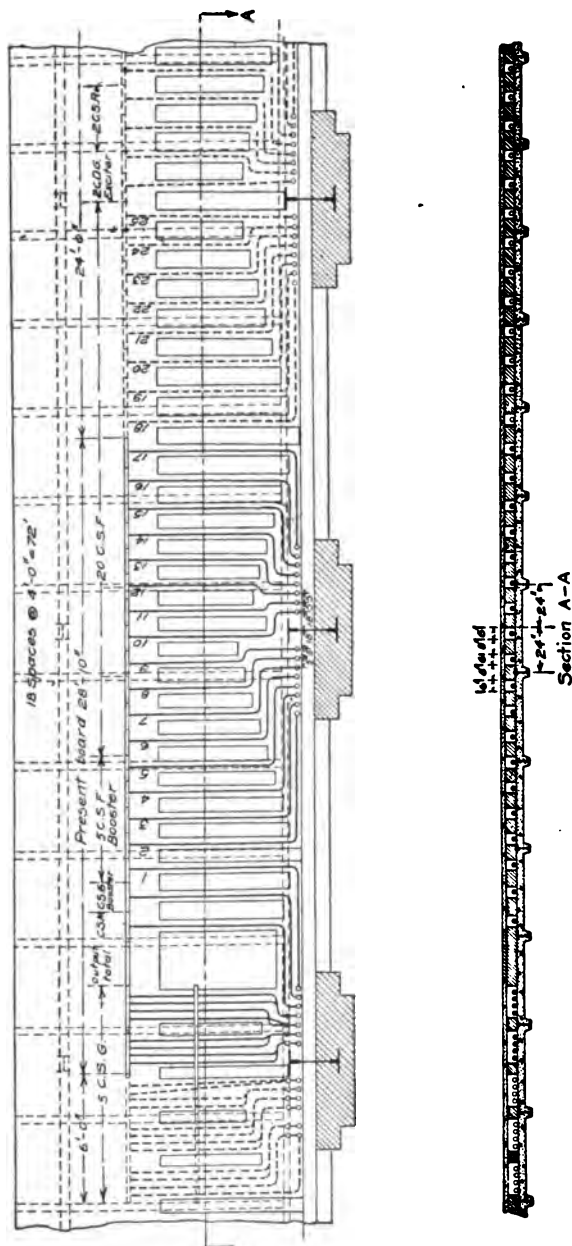


FIG. 51.—Switchboard gallery floor construction.

cables are covered with concrete slabs. The positive bus is composed of copper bars 10 inch by 0.25 inches, the number of which decreases with the increase in distance from the generator panels, since the amount of feeding decreases as we recede from the panels. Note the special construction of the gallery floor, which is lowered in back of the board on account of the placing of the cables. The construction is reinforced concrete resting on 8 inch I-beams, four feet center to center, running perpendicular to the main wall. These I-beams are fastened on one side to the crane columns by means of channels, and at the other ends to longitudinal I-beams supported by independent columns. The space between the channels and the masonry affords a passage for the cables leading to the gallery floor. The feeder and positive generator cables are lead

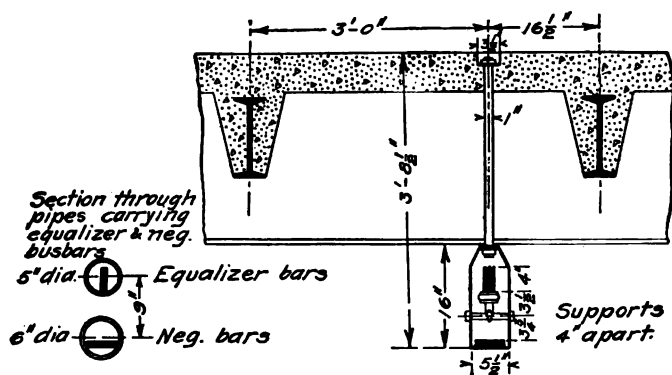


FIG. 52.—Method of supporting negative and equalizer busbars between engine foundations.

covered, and are therefore fastened directly to the wall. All the feeders are 1,000,000 cir. mils for each panel. The negative and equalizer cables are double braided. All the outgoing feeders lead to the above-mentioned underground passageway through ducts built into the concrete foundation of the wall. The passageway communicates with the basement of the engine room by a door toward the end of the passage. The field rheostats are mounted under the floor of the gallery, and are easily operated from their respective boards. The negative bus is made up of 5 inch by 0.25 inch un-insulated copper bars. The equalizer bus is of similar dimensions, but is wrapped with insulation. The method of mounting these two buses between the foundations of the units is shown in Fig. 52.

INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE TRACTION COMPANY

(Abstracted from *Electric Railway Review*, Nov. 30, 1907)

The first 1200-volt interurban railway in the United States began operation on November 6, 1907, between Seymour and Sellersburg, Ind., 41 miles apart. The central station is located near the center of the line. The trolley wire of No. 0000 copper wire is fed by feeder cables running 17 miles in each direction from the station. They are made up as follows:

10 miles of 500,000 cir. mils.

20 miles of 300,000 cir. mils.

4 miles of 211,000 cir. mils.

The electric energy is generated by two units. Each unit consists of two generators driven by an engine. The generators for

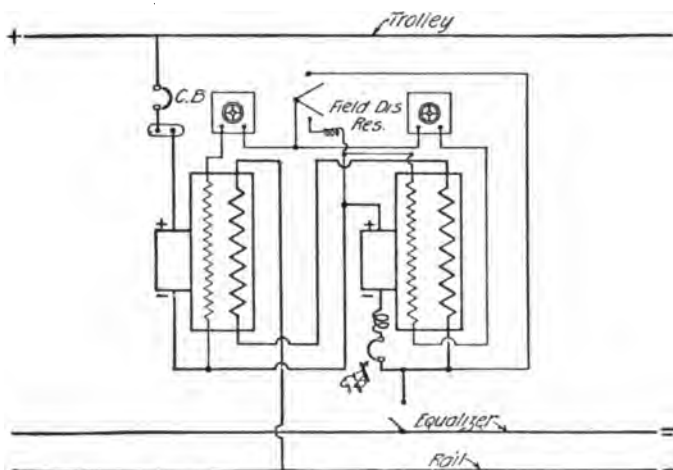


FIG. 53.—Indianapolis and Louisville 1200-volt railway: method of connection of two 600-volt generators.

each unit comprise two 600-volt General Electric multipolar (type M. P.) units with armatures, mounted commutator to commutator on the engine shaft. Fig. 53 indicates the switching arrangements for both generators of one unit. Their armature coils and series field coils are connected in series as though for one generator. The shunt field for each machine is connected across a circuit having 600 volts difference of potential. Each of these 300 kw. machines is compound wound, having a flat output curve. The switchboard

erator is a part of a motor-generator set and is to be arranged for d.c. starting. A four-throw starting switch should be mounted on the generator panel. The three-wire system is fed by two low-tension generators connected in series (Chapter VI, case 1); and by a synchronous converter (Chapter VI, case 4). Both generators

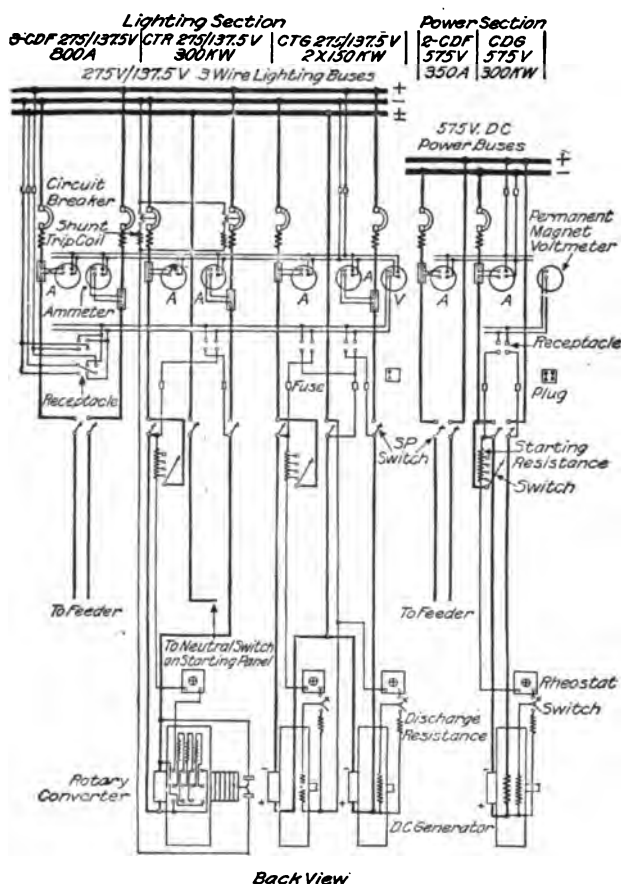


FIG. 55.—Wiring diagram of board shown in Fig. 54.

are coupled to an a.c. motor (induction or synchronous), and are started on the d.c. side. If they are driven by an engine the starting switch can be omitted. The equipment for both generators is mounted on one panel. The converter, as well as the generators, is shunt-wound since it is thus better suited for lighting purposes. Circuit breakers with shunt coil and ammeters are inserted on both

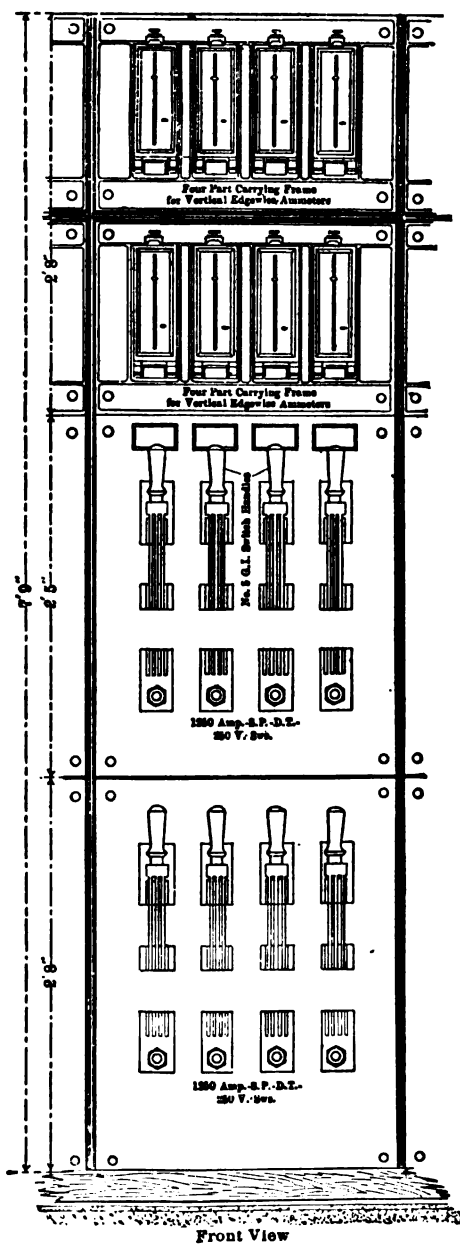


FIG. 56a.—Front view of 1250-ampere feeder panel (Chicago Edison Co.).

positive and negative sides of the converter. The diagram indicates that the converter is started on the d.c. side. Note that the shunt field-windings of both generators are in multiple with the side which the respective generator supplies. The feeders can be connected to the positive and negative bus, or to either of these and the neutral. Both mains of a feeder set are supplied with a circuit breaker and an ammeter. The voltage between any two buses can be ascertained by using an eight-point receptacle and a voltmeter.

The design of the panels for a low-tension feeder system for lighting purposes in large cities, as New York and Chicago, obviously requires particular care. One of the main objects in such a design is to control safely and conveniently a maximum number of feeders from a minimum number of panels. Fig. 56 shows front, rear, and side views of the feeder panels used by the Chicago Edison Company, in their sub-station for feeding the three-wire lighting system. The board controls four sets of feeders, which can be connected to the main or to either of the auxiliary buses by means of double-throw switches. All buses are mounted horizontally. This insures the best separation of potential, and, at the same time, the greatest accessibility to the rear of the switchboard. The connections between studs and buses are made by simple pieces of bent copper, which facilitate the interchange of connections. The horizontal mounting of the buses has the further advantage of making it easy to increase the cross section of the buses by addition of copper bars. The poorer ventilation due to this mounting is partly compensated for by a liberal allowance of copper in the bars. Such allowance has the advantage of eliminating to a certain degree the unsafe handling of live buses when an addition of bars is required. The middle studs of the positive double-throw switches are connected to the fuses on the opposite rear wall through bent pieces of copper. The positive feeders lead from the lower terminals of the fuses to the outgoing tile ducts. The cost of the copper bends is more than compensated for by the elimination of the cable racks and the gain in walking space between panels and wall. Two ammeters are supplied for each feeder set. The bar connections between the center studs of the switches and the fuses can be used as ammeter shunt by applying a compensating coil for temperature correction. The connections for the center studs of the negative switches run down below the floor line, and up to the negative fuses on the same back wall mentioned above. The floor is made of 1 in. removable slate slabs protecting the negative connections. The neutrals of the feeders terminate

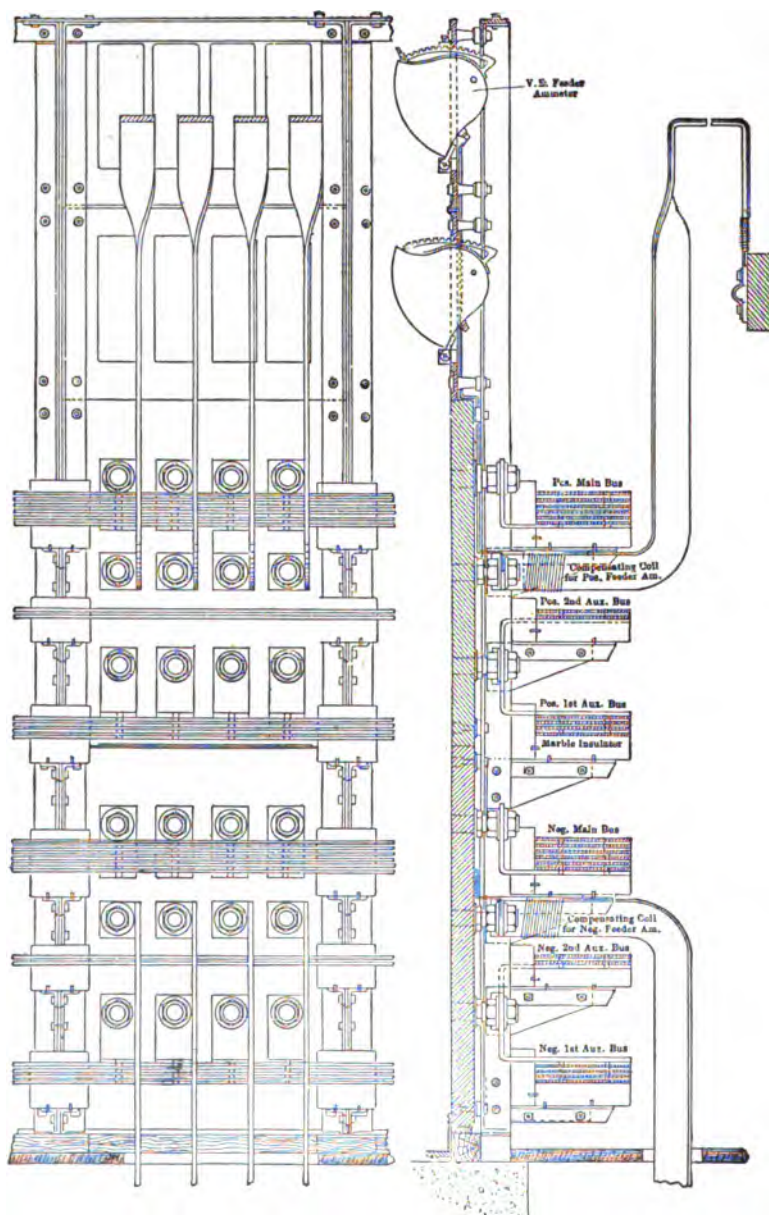


FIG. 56b.—Rear elevation and cross section of 1250-ampere feeder panel (Chicago Edison Co.).

at the neutral bus located in the basement. Fig. 57 *a-b* shows front and rear elevations of battery, balancer, and booster panels, using the same method of busbar mounting. It will be seen that the studs,

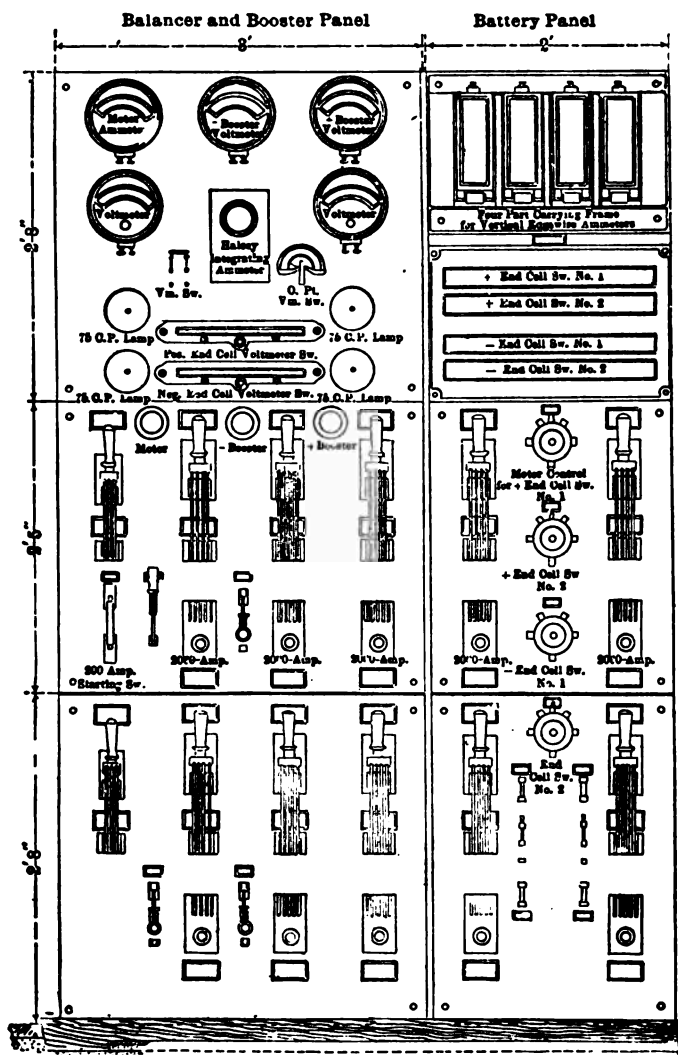


FIG. 57*a*.—Front elevation of battery, balancer, and booster panels (Chicago Edison Co.).

nuts, and bolts are as accessible in these as in the feeder panels.

Current-carrying contacts on switchboards should receive careful

periodic attention. Considerable heat loss may be due to contacts not perfectly planed or to loose or dirty contacts. This applies to

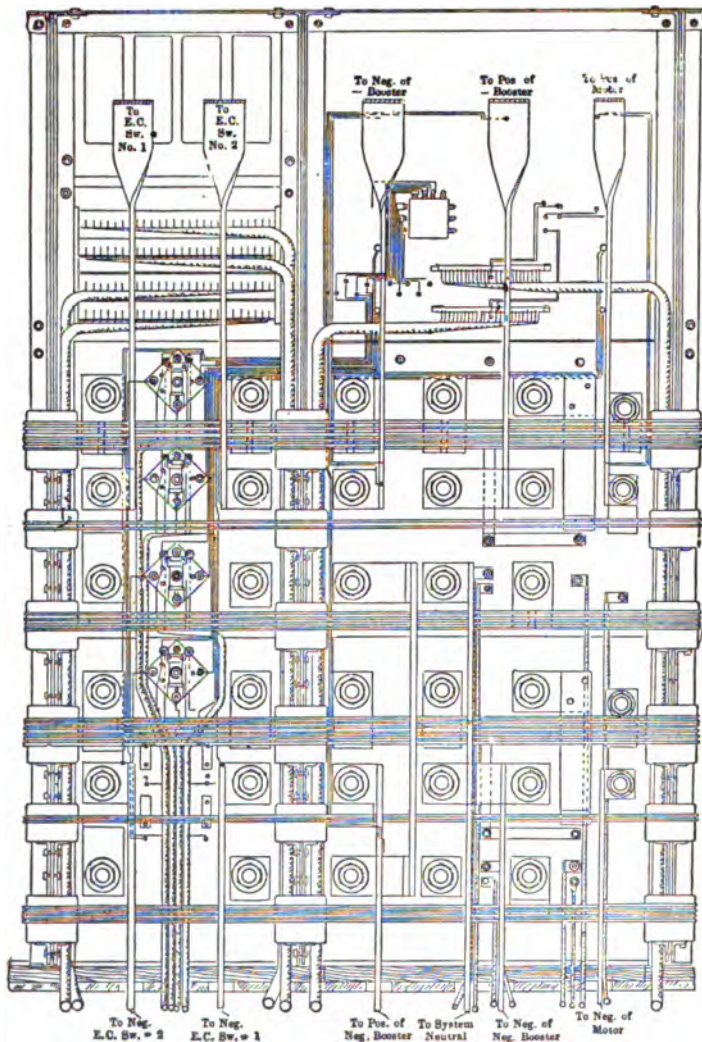


FIG. 57b.—Rear elevation of battery, balancer and booster panels (Chicago Edison Co.).

switch and circuit breaker contacts, as well as to permanent connections back of the board.

CHAPTER XII

LOW-TENSION ALTERNATING CURRENT

ALTERNATING currents cover a much more varied field of application than do direct currents, since they are employed in practice in different forms and quantities of phase, frequency, e.m.f., and power, and since direct current may be regarded as no more than rectified alternating current. Their treatment from the moment of generation through the successive steps to consumption is therefore subject to much greater variation in regard to the four cardinal points established in Chapter I, than is that of the direct current. The electrical equipment of a.c. plants depends mostly upon the output voltage and kw. rating of the units. Alternating current systems may be classified with respect to voltage, as follows:

1. Systems of the same e.m.f. as those employing direct current, 240 to 600 volts (110 volts).
2. Systems whose e.m.f. ranges from 600 volts to 33,000 volts, which are those most commonly used.
3. Systems of extra high e.m.f., ranging from 33,000 to 100,000 volts and upward, used for the most recently designed long distance transmission systems.

We will first treat classification No. 1, since it differs entirely from the other two. Classes 2 and 3 have many points in common, and will be treated together, emphasizing only those differences due to extra high voltages.

GENERATOR (240-600 VOLTS)

Alternating-current generators of the above potentials are used for small industrial plants or mining purposes. They supply three-phase current and are rated at from 20 to 400 kw. Fig. 58 shows a wiring diagram and front and side elevations of a switchboard for a 240-volt generator of this type. A separate exciter mounted on the shaft delivers direct current for the field of the generator. With larger units the exciter is driven independently, and, as we shall see later on, constitutes a very important part of the central station. A separate rheostat regulates the shunt field-winding. The value of the current supplied to the field circuit of the alternator is regulated

by a second rheostat, and is indicated by a field ammeter. A double-pole field-discharge switch closes the field circuit. This is provided with carbon break and discharge switches for connection to the discharge resistance. With the low tension used, the connection of the generator cables with the buses is easily accomplished through a three-pole lever switch, as it is recommended that no automatic protection be provided for a.c. generators or their field circuits. With

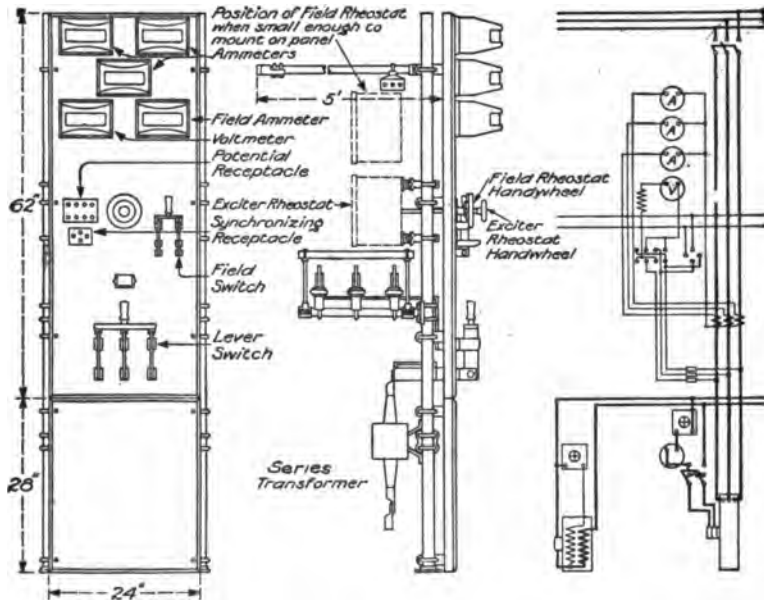


FIG. 58.—240-volt three-phase generator panel.

unbalanced lighting load, the value of the current of each phase is indicated by separate ammeters, which are connected directly to the line for currents below 300 amp.; above this point series transformers are used. A voltmeter, receptacles, and corresponding plugs are used to indicate the voltage across any two phases. By this means the voltage between any phase and the neutral of the machine can be indicated in case the neutral of the generator is used for lighting purposes at 125 volts. Instead of three ammeters one ammeter with a three-way switch can also be used. Before an alternator can be thrown into parallel with other machines in service it must be synchronized with them. Synchronism indicators and lamps in connection with receptacles and plugs serve to indicate the difference

in phase of the machine in starting. The side elevation shows how the three busbars are mounted. They are protected from foreign objects which might cause short-circuiting, such as tools, by means of a screen. If the buses are very heavy because of larger output of the generators, the supporting arm is stayed by a gaspipe running up from the floor. The board is mounted and fastened to the rear wall with angles, tees, or gaspipes. These supports also carry the series transformers and rheostats. The rheostats are operated by handwheels directly from the front of the board. If the alternator

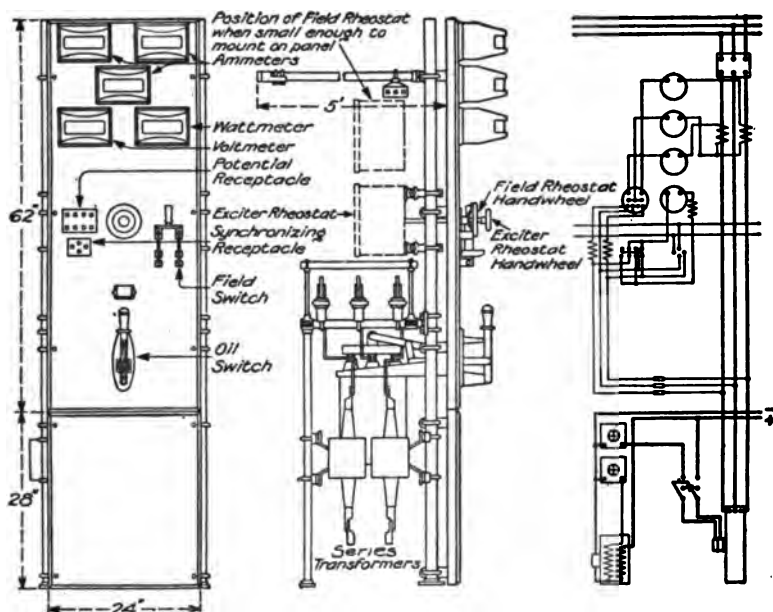


FIG. 59.—480- and 600-volt three-phase generator panel.

delivers a higher voltage the connection to the buses is made through an oil switch. This is shown in Fig. 59 for a 480- to 600-volt machine. Instead of using an ammeter to indicate the necessary amount of field regulation, the voltmeter or synchroscope may be employed to perform this function. For balanced loads and current under 50 amp. one ammeter in the middle leg suffices. For larger current values the ammeter must be connected to two series transformers in the outside legs. For unbalanced load the arrangement is the same as that described for Fig. 58. A polyphase wattmeter indicates the total output of the machine, and by comparison of the ammeter and

wattmeter indications the power-factor of the circuit can be determined. The oil switch interrupts the current under oil in order to eliminate the danger due to the arc between the contacts of the switch at the moment of interruption. It is mounted on the rear of the board and is operated by a handle from the front. (See Chapter XV.) All voltage-carrying instruments are protected with fuses against overload. One synchroscope may be used for several generators, in which case it is mounted on a swinging bracket on the generator side of the board.

A.C. FEEDERS

The energy is drawn from the three busbars through an oil switch or circuit breaker. Both of these pieces of apparatus are equipped

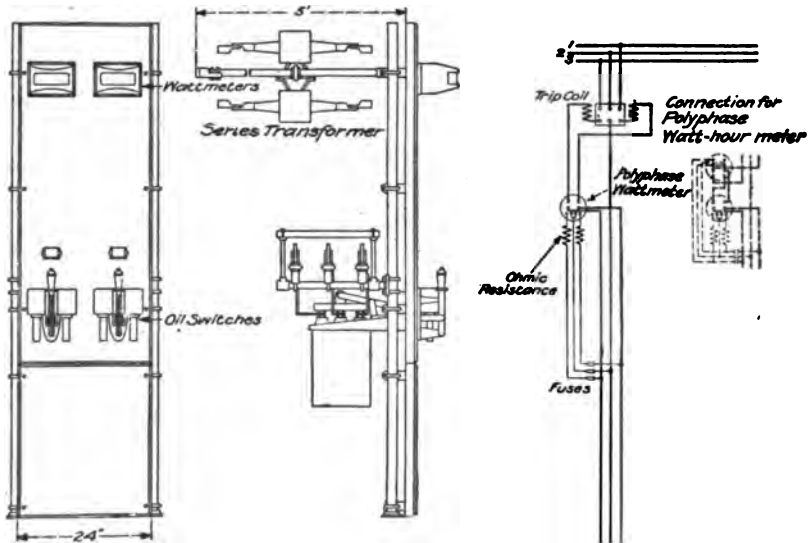


FIG. 60.—480- and 600-volt two-circuit feeder panel with oil switches.

with tripping coils which operate to interrupt the circuit at overload. Figs. 60 and 61 show the wiring diagram and switchboard for a.c. feeders. As we wish to ascertain the amount of power consumption of each feeder system a polyphase wattmeter must be connected into the line. A special polyphase watt-hour meter with series transformer may be used to measure the energy output. The feeders are generally run from the buses and oil switches or circuit breakers to

the nearest wall, whence they lead to the place of consumption in the factory. The series transformers are therefore mounted on pipes near the top of the board. This differs from the method of mounting for generator panels where we saw that the apparatus was mounted near the base of the board. This was due to the fact that the three feeders from the generator reached the board from below.

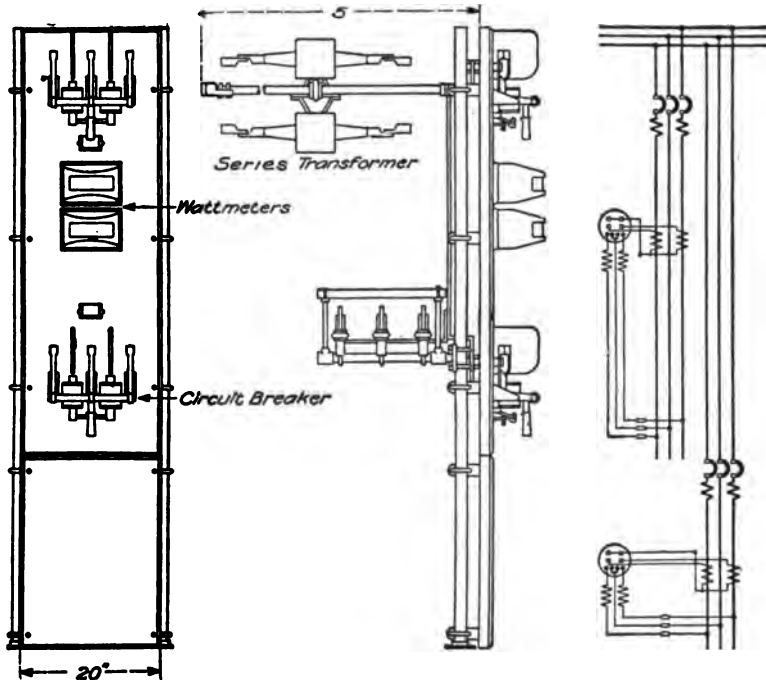


FIG. 61.—240-, 480- and 600-volt two-circuit feeder panels with circuit breakers.

Alternating low-tension switchboards are identical with d.c. boards in respect to material of boards, method of setting up, copper connections, spacing between busbars, and mounting of same, as illustrated in the accompanying figures. Up to this point we have had to deal with voltages requiring no special safety devices, with the possible exception of circuits requiring interruption in oil on account of induction phenomena.

CHAPTER XIII

HIGH-TENSION SWITCHING ARRANGEMENT AND METHODS OF CONNECTION

IN order to make a correct choice of the various switching arrangements for a plant, an investigation of the following points is essential: 1. Cost. 2. Reliability and continuity of the service. 3. Greatest protection of life and property. 4. Available space. 5. Voltage and capacity of plant.

The order of investigation of the above-mentioned points will depend upon the case in hand. It may be a question whether more consideration is due to the stockholders or to the public, or if the system is one for extended electric traction service or only street railway service, etc.

1. In regard to cost it must be kept in mind that improvements, safely appliances, continuity of service, and future extension, will involve not only the first cost, but additional expense for maintenance, repair, and operation. After taking all these matters into consideration, our final estimate must show that a reasonable return on the investment may be expected.

2. The reliability and continuity of the service are in fact the main objects of the plant. If these conditions of stability do not exist, and if frequent prolonged interruptions of service occur, the consumers will suffer, and the public become prejudiced. Such conditions will give material advantage to competitors, and may eventually lead to forfeiture of franchises or other concessions. These important considerations together with those discussed above afford the engineer a clue as to what methods to adopt in order to insure the desired conditions of reliability, continuity, and adaptability of service. The amount of useful information thus obtainable depends upon the conditions which show to what extent our object may be accomplished by the best machines and material in the market, by installation of greater or less number of auxiliary apparatus with their connections, or by establishing a reserve of units and parts. It should be noted that the greater the adaptability, the greater is the amount of apparatus necessary, and hence, the greater the liability for disturbances.

3. Since legal requirements as to protection of life and property must be complied with, devices guarding against lightning and fire, special arrangement of apparatus, and the use of special insulating material become important factors in the plant.

4. Here we have two cases to consider. In the first case the building site need not be bought. As an example, an old d.c. station may be converted into a modern a.c. plant on the same site, or an addition to the old station may be built on land already owned. In the second case the site must be bought, and we here again have two distinctions to make. The choice of building sites is either determined by the location of a given source of water power with respect to the central station or by the location of load centers with respect to sub-stations, or the choice is limited only to certain minor considerations, thus allowing greater freedom of selection. (See a.c. plants Chapter XXIV.)

5. The power rating of a plant depends, on the one hand, upon the object of the plant, which includes quantity and character of the output, and on the other hand, upon the available mechanical energy. The voltage of the generators to be selected increases with the size of the machines, for instance, 2300 volts up to a power rating of 2000 kw., and 6600 volts for higher ratings. Machines of 5000 kw. rating may have a voltage of 11,000 10-cycle, or 13,200 25-cycle. An e.m.f. of 22,000 volts is admissible with certain powers, speeds, and frequencies. For long-distance transmission lines where the copper weight of the line adds materially to the cost of the system, the voltages of the generators are stepped up, giving up e.m.fs. of 11,000, 15,000, 22,000, 33,000, 44,000, 66,000, 88,000, 100,000, 110,000 and 140,000 volts. The most usual frequencies employed are 15, 25 and 60 cycles, the former two for traction and motor-power distribution, and the latter for lighting. Units supplying energy to motors should be so chosen that their maximum overload capacity is of such value that in case one of the units is momentarily thrown out of service, the output of the station and the voltage are not materially affected. It is therefore desirable to have one reserve unit, to be used only in case of emergency or at overload, thus making it possible to repair disabled machines. The determination of the capacity of the individual units is a very important matter. For although the cost per kilowatt varies inversely, the capital invested for the reserve varies directly as the power rating of the machine. If the number of the machines is large the ratio of reserve cost to total cost is small, and is partly compensated for by the

greater adaptability of the service and the decrease in line loss which the reserve accomplishes. The relation of the area included between the load curve and the time axes, to the area under the rated output curve of the machine, is called the load factor of the plant. A high degree of efficiency, if obtained for a long period of time, requires the use of larger power units, which again decreases the overload limit of the machines. If the load curve is flat, a smaller reserve unit may be used to take up the overload. If water power or steam turbines are used, all machines, including the reserve, may be run at all times on low load, since in this case no material losses in water or steam power need be considered. This method of operation differs from that employed with steam engines, which run economically only at full load, and require the use of the reserve only from time to time.

In settling on the design of a power plant, it is necessary to consider carefully the relative importance of flexibility and simplicity, and to determine the relative value of apparatus which would be needed only in emergencies and the saving which would result from omitting it. Consideration and careful examination of the nature of load, capacity of station both for initial and ultimate installation, size of generator and transformer units available, leads to expressing the general problem for all plants as the obtaining of the maximum amount of flexibility and safety with the minimum cost of apparatus and building to house the apparatus.

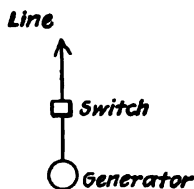


FIG. 62.—Simple single-unit system.

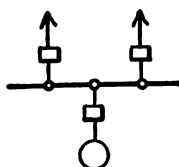


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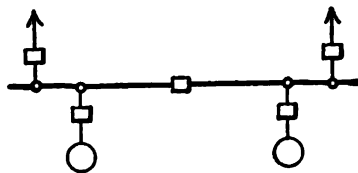


FIG. 64.—One bus with sectionalizing switch.

In the diagrams herewith the cable connections between machines and pieces of apparatus are represented by single lines. They therefore show the arrangements without regard to phases of the machines. The simplest case is that in which the generator feeds directly into the line (see Fig. 62), which is connected to the machine through an oil switch. If a machine is to supply several feeders, the energy is first led to busbars, whence the necessary amount for individual feeders is drawn off through oil switches. (See Fig. 63.)

If two or more generators are used to supply the feeders the switching arrangement becomes more flexible by inserting a bus-sectionalizing switch in the busbars between generator connections. This switch enables the attendant to feed any set of feeders from

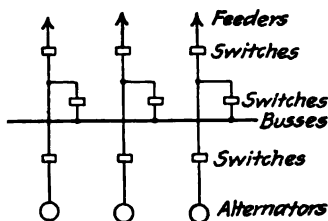


FIG. 65.—Relay system.

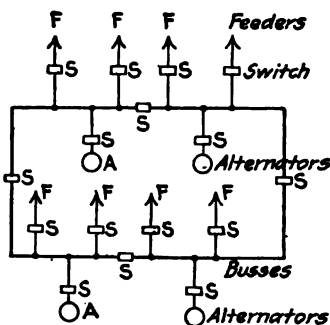


FIG. 66.—Ring system.

any machine. By its use a disturbance on one side of it is localized and cannot affect the generators or connections on the other side. (See Fig. 64.) In another system, each generator feeds one line directly, as shown in Fig. 62 but the feeders are connected by an auxiliary bus, so that, in case of need, one feeder can be supplied

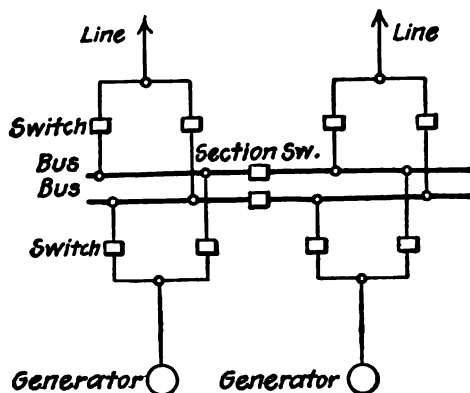


FIG. 67.—Duplicate set of bus bars.

from the other generators. This is the relay system. (See Fig. 65.) Fig. 66 shows a ring system where sectionalizing switches are inserted in the buses between each group of feeders and their corresponding generator. The advantage of this system is that any

disturbance can be confined to a small part of the station, if a greater number of generators and feeders are required to maintain the service. The best and most common method of switching arrangement is that where a double set of busbars are employed, one called main or operating bus, and the other auxiliary bus. (See Fig. 67.) This method is more expensive because it requires two oil switches for each feeder and generator, and an additional weight in copper for busbars and connections. On the other hand, it affords an easy means of feeding any group of feeders from any group of generators. Such an arrangement has the further advantage that repairs of

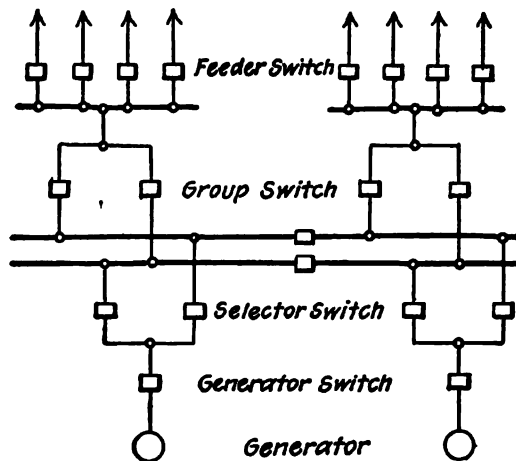


FIG. 68.—Group system.

any part of the busbars can be made without danger and without interrupting the main service, since such part is easily disconnected from the live parts. This system is used when a considerable number of feeders are in service all day, or when it is desired to keep separate two different kinds of load.

For street railway systems in large cities where the central and sub-stations are connected through a large number of feeders, a system called the group system is employed. (Fig. 68.) The essential point of this system is the grouping of the feeders which are connected to auxiliary buses. These buses are supplied from the main buses, which are in turn fed by the generators. Systems of this kind are used in plants of the New York Street Railway Co., at 96th Street, and at Kingsbridge, in the 74th Street Station of the Manhattan R. R. Co., and also in the power house of the Long

Island R. R. Co., to be described later. The advantages of such a system are as follows:¹ (a) "It affords an additional means of opening a feeder switch that fails to open its circuit when operated for that purpose." This mostly applied to oil switches in their early days when two switches in series were required to insure their proper operation. This consideration is no longer of importance, on account of the advance made in the construction of these switches. "They act as an assurance against a shutdown in a more important service." (b) "It affords means of reducing aggregate load upon the power house, in case of necessity, more rapidly and is otherwise less objectionable than the usual method of cutting off individual feeders. It will sometimes happen in the operation of a power plant that it becomes necessary suddenly to shut down one of the generating units. If the load carried at the time be such that the shutting down of the generator implies reduction of the external load, this can be accomplished most conveniently by operating one or two group switches." An objection to this point is that a group of feeders can also be simultaneously disconnected in other cheaper ways. The oil switches for a group of feeders can be electrically or mechanically interlocked in such a way that by the operation of a control switch all the feeder switches of a group can be opened simultaneously, while the several circuits still retain their individual control. (c) "Where duplicate main busbars are used it facilitates transfer of load from one set to the other, in case it becomes necessary suddenly in operation to make such transfer. If the feeders were connected to two main buses, it would become necessary to supply two oil switches apiece, or 2, 3, or 4-pole double-throw switches for low tension. In the present case, however, there suffice one switch per feeder, and two oil switches per feeder group, which cuts down the number of switches necessary to be operated for transfer." (d) "The grouping of the external feeder circuits in group units being a simple fixed relation to the generator units, establishes a symmetry and proportion most useful to the operator, particularly in time of emergency. The portion of load per group of feeders is known from the number and size of the feeder groups in relation to the number and size of the generators. With partial load it is easy to determine if a generator may be cut out of service, thus throwing its load on to other machines, or if it is better to disconnect a whole group of feeders, thus throwing the load of the sub-stations onto the

¹ L. B. Stillwell, "The Use of Group Switches in Large Power Plants," March 25, 1904, Proceedings, A. I. E. E.

other feeders." The above applies to city service, where several independent feeders lead to each sub-station.

Arguments against the group switch are: (a) "It introduces additional apparatus, and therefore in itself increases the risk of interruption due to failure in switch insulation, etc., and of disturbances which may often be more harmful than those which the switches are supposed to prevent." (b) "It implies an increase in cost of the plant. In the case of the Manhattan plant this increase is about 10 per cent. of the cost of the switchgear and measuring apparatus and about 0.4 per cent. of the cost of the plant. So that in a large plant the cost is negligible in comparison to the gain."

Generally no definite rules can be formulated as to when and where such a system is of advantage. A choice of systems depends upon the conditions of the case in hand.

Fig. 69 shows connections for alternator, transformer bank, switch, and line. It represents the case where a number of plants feed into the same system.

A layout for several feeders in connection with one transformer bank and one generator is given in Fig. 70. An oil switch is inserted on the high-tension side of the transformer. In Fig. 71 two sets of busbars are used, one for the low-tension, and one for the high-tension side of the transformers. The first set is fed by the generators, and the second is connected to the feeders. Both sides of the transformer are protected by oil switches. In Fig. 72 we have two or more transformer banks and a large number of generators and feeders, and desire to make their operation independent. This is accomplished by insertion of sectionizing switches in both high and low-tension buses, between the transformer connections. We are thus enabled to divide all units into groups with corresponding transformers and feeders. The arrangement corresponds more or less to that of Fig. 64.

One of the most modern switching arrangements is represented in Fig. 73. Each transformer bank is directly connected with its generator and with the low-tension busbar. By running in parallel on the low-tension side only, any generator can be run with any transformer. The whole station can be run in parallel or two parts run separately. This represents a case where the generator power is sufficiently large to allow of a generator-transformer-unit combination with the duplicate outgoing line. If, however, the generators are of smaller power, and we wish to form a transformer-line unit, the arrangement of Fig. 74 is used. The feeder is directly connected

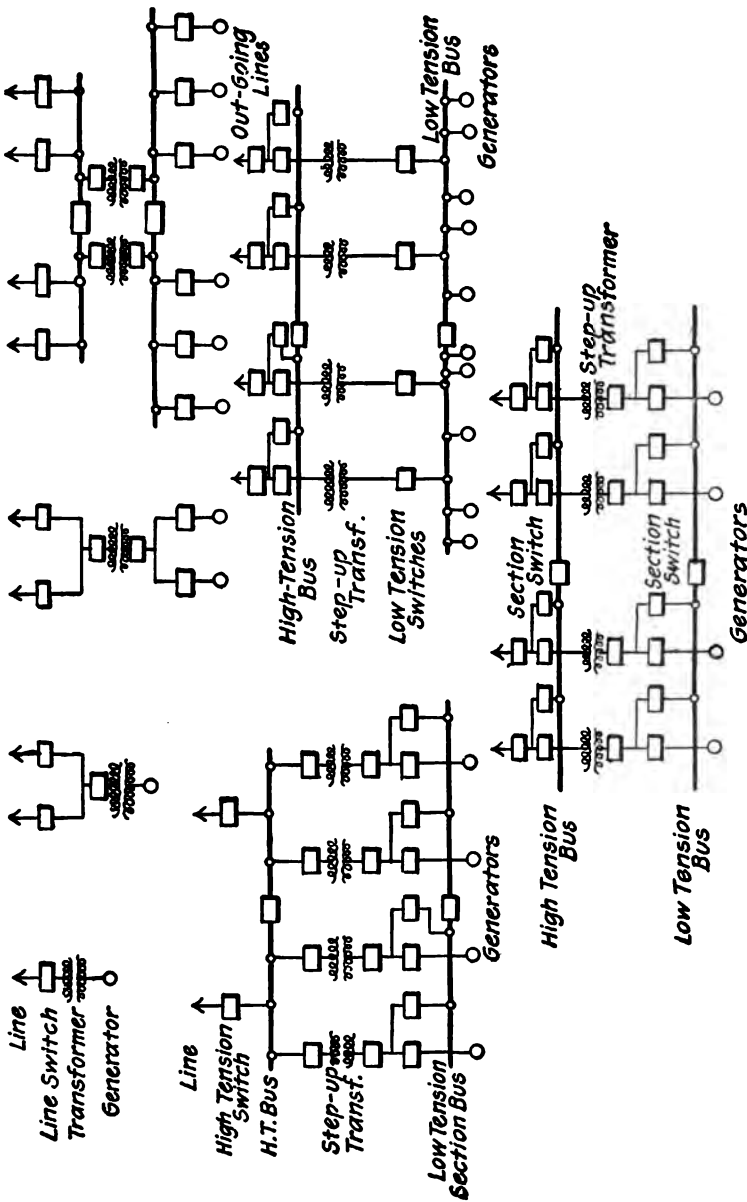


FIG. 69.—Single-unit system. FIG. 70.—Single generator-transformer unit multiple feeders. FIG. 71.—Single-transformer with multiple generators and feeders. FIG. 72.—Units like the one in Fig. 70, connected together with sectionalizing switches. FIG. 73.—Generator-transformer unit system. FIG. 74.—Transformer-line unit system. FIG. 75.—Generator-transformer-line unit system.

with its transformer, and also has a connection to the high-tension busbar. The connection of any feeder with any transformer is thus made possible.

Fig. 75 is a combination of Figs. 73 and 74. The unit is made up of generator, transformer, and line. Each unit can be operated independently as shown in Fig. 68, or any desired combination may be employed.

The systems described above are only typical arrangements, and may be modified by using varied combinations of different systems or by addition of auxiliary buses or other apparatus. As already stated the arrangement is subject to no fixed rules, but to the judgment of the engineer.

CHAPTER XIV

CIRCUIT INTERRUPTING DEVICES

In this chapter we shall discuss the principles involved in the application of instruments and apparatus of standard make.

One of the most important parts of a high-tension system is the circuit interrupting device. Its functions are the same as those of a d.c. circuit breaker, i.e., to open or close the circuit at certain critical moments. Such instants may be foreseen or they may occur suddenly, necessitating instantaneous operation of the apparatus. In the first case, the breakers are operated manually, and in the second case, automatically. The automatic type can also be operated manually. With medium voltages, where on account of insulation, the size of the apparatus does not become excessive, such apparatus may be mounted on the board, or in its vicinity on supporting frames or in cells. With high and extra high tension more space must be allowed for the apparatus on account of the high insulation. They are therefore located away from the board. In the former case they are operated mechanically from the board, and in the latter instance their operation is either manual, electric, or pneumatic. Four groups of circuit breaking devices may be differentiated according to their make, operation, voltage, and the load to which they are connected. These are:

1. Disconnecting switches.
2. Plug switches.
3. Fuses.
4. Circuit breakers and oil switches.

The general conditions for which these breakers must be designed are as follows:

1. The rated current of the device ought to be carried with negligible drop and no heating. This depends upon the material of which the switch is constructed, upon its dimensions, and upon the construction and pressure between the surfaces of the contact pieces.
2. To insulate all live parts for maximum potential, both in an electrically and mechanically permanent manner. The best criterion for the judgment of the efficiency of a circuit breaker, is the extent of its ability to maintain perfect insulation in spite of the

formation of arcs. The higher the voltage the more difficult does it become to obtain perfect insulation in service. Every breaker is therefore rated for a maximum voltage.

3. Mechanical means have to be provided for opening the circuit, which may be either automatic, or non-automatic as stated above. Fuses are always automatic, disconnecting switches and plug switches non-automatic, and oil switches and circuit breakers may be either automatic or non-automatic.

4. The formation of arcs has to be prevented or rendered harmless. This requirement may be met in various ways. The contacts may be widely separated, the interruption may be made to take place in oil, the arc may be blown out magnetically, or through air expulsion or may be quenched in an inclosure. Choice of the above-mentioned methods depends upon the voltage, space, conditions of service, etc., as we shall see under the discussions of the various types of breakers.

The d.c. circuit breakers and the a.c. breakers up to 600 volts were treated in Chapter IX.

DISCONNECTING SWITCHES

This type of breaker is seldom used by itself for main current interruption, being usually used in conjunction with an oil switch. If the breaker is to be used independently to break the line current, it has one great disadvantage. In order to break the arc the contact studs must be placed far apart, thus consuming a great deal of space for installation and operation. It can be used only when the voltage drops to a low value, for otherwise the arc would produce a high potential oscillation in circuits of high inductance and capacity. These potential oscillations are quite liable to destroy the insulation at some part of the circuit, especially in the transformers. When used in conjunction with an oil switch it serves to disconnect the terminals of the latter from the live parts of the line, the oil switch having previously been opened. It is used to connect lightning arresters or potential transformers to the main line. Fig. 76 shows a 12,000-volt, 300-amp., disconnecting switch mounted on a slate base. One of the terminals is in front, and the other on the back side of the base, or the positions of the terminals may be varied according to circumstances. The hinge studs are incased in porcelain or glass bushings, with the surface distance between metal parts and base corresponding to the voltage, usually being taken

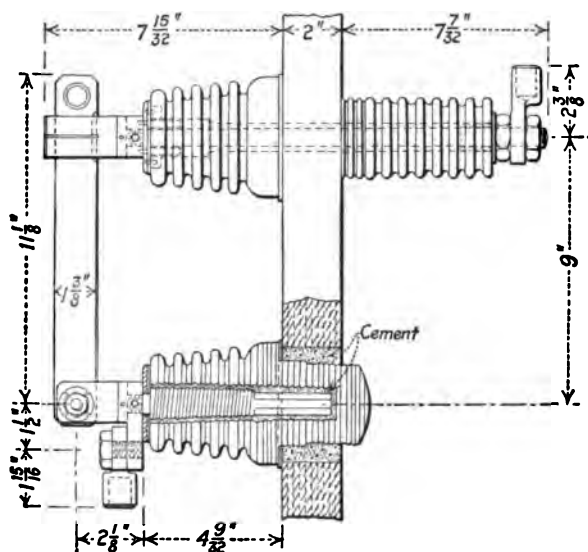


FIG. 76.—12,000-volt disconnecting switch.

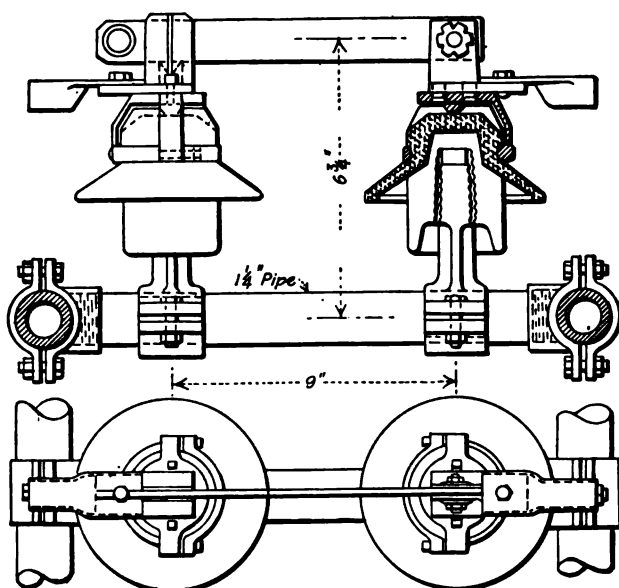


FIG. 77.—16,000-volt disconnecting switch on line insulators.

at 1 in. per 1000 volts. The air space between metal parts, and between these and ground, and the dimensions of the metal parts are dependent upon the voltage and capacity of the line. The air line distance equals half the surface distance. Another method of mounting disconnecting switches is shown in Fig. 77. The porcelain insulators are fixed on a pipe support. A metal cap is fastened on the top of the insulators on which are mounted the clips of the disconnecting switch. The terminals can be located in the front only. The illustration shows a 16,000-volt, 300 to 800-amp. switch. The support may be slate instead of piping, as shown in Fig. 78 for a 40,000 to 60,000-volt switch.

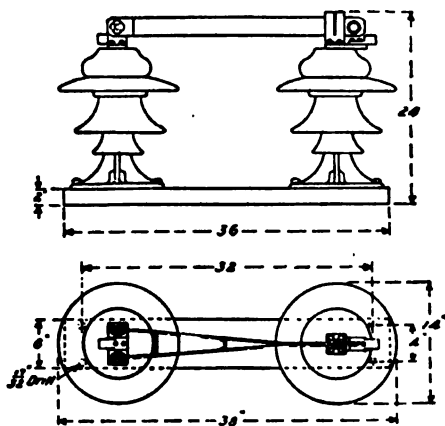


FIG. 78.—60,000-volt disconnecting switch on line insulators.

All these switches are mounted out of reach, so that operators cannot accidentally come into contact with live parts. It is advisable to separate the switches of different phase by slate, marble, or asbestos barriers in order to protect them against arcing, or a short-circuit across the phases. The barriers become superfluous when there is sufficient room for a safe separation of the switches. All disconnecting switches are operated with a hooked pole. The attendant must therefore have sufficient room in which to use the pole, which is from 2 to 3 feet for low tension, and 10 feet for voltages up to 60,000. The cable connection should be such that, when the switch is open, the handle will be dead.

Another type of disconnecting device is the bus-sectionalizing switch. The busbar is broken for 6-in., and both ends are in the form of clips. A copper link with an eye connects the two parts.

Still another type of breaker for open air use resembles the horn type of lightning arrester. The main part is built exactly like one of these arresters, the air gap being bridged by a terminal part which, when the switch is actuated, is drawn away. The arc then breaks itself by drawing toward the upper ends of the horns, where they are farther apart than at the base. If the disconnecting switch is to be mounted overhead horizontally for high tensions, the handle is fastened to the pins of the insulators, and the tops of the insulators are fastened to the base by means of a cap.

PLUG SWITCHES

A plug switch consists of one fixed and one movable part. The fixed part carries the contacts between which connection is to be made. The movable part is a metal plug with insulated handle

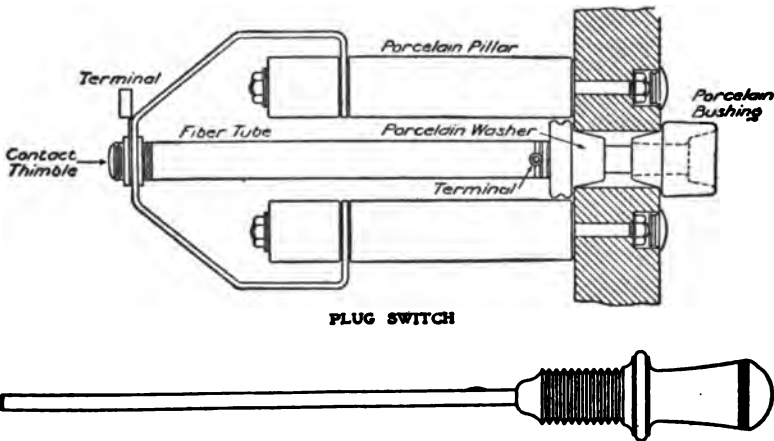


FIG. 79.—Primary plug switch.

which connects the contacts when inserted in a porcelain bushing. The plug switch with plug is shown in Fig. 79. The switch is from 5000 to 10,000 volts, 10 amp. One of the contact terminals is mounted on a fiber tube on the end near the switchboard, and the other on the farther end of the tube. The tube forms a receptacle for the plug. The bushing on the front of the panel prevents accidental touching of live parts of the switch, and at the same time serves as insulator for the fixed part and the board, as do also the porcelain pillars on the back of the board.

Another type is shown in Fig. 80. Two copper buses insulated from each other are mounted on the fixed part back of the board. Two terminal contacts are provided on the farther side. As long as the plug is inserted in the receptacle, it separates the two cable contacts, but connects them at the same time with their respective buses near the board. When the plug is removed the contacts are connected together. The buses are permanently connected with the series transformer of the ammeter. The contact terminals are on the side of the main circuit, and, as mentioned above, are connected when the plug is out. Plug switches are used for series alternating systems of arc or incandescent lighting in conjunction with constant-current

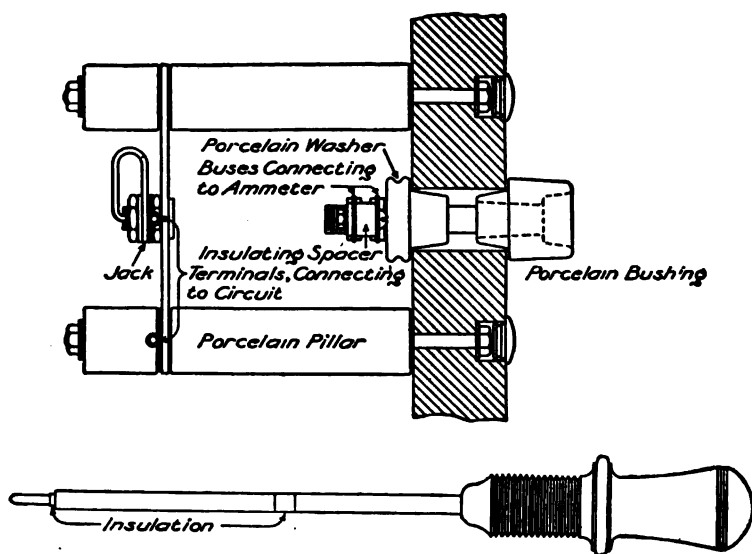


FIG. 80.—Ammeter jack.

transformers. (See Chapter XVIII.) They close the circuit on the primary side of the transformer, which generally carries from 1150 to 2300 volts, and which is protected by fuses against overload. The secondary side of the transformer is generally measured by the number of lamps connected to it in series, this number varying between 15 and 100 for different transformers. By means of the plug switches the circuit can be opened, short-circuited, or transferred to other lines. Any arc forming in the fiber tube (Fig. 79) is quickly quenched. On the secondary side of transformers, they are used only up to 10 amp., since with larger current the arc is stronger and

harder to extinguish. They are therefore often replaced by oil switches.

Fig. 81 shows another method of connecting the ammeter to the circuit. Two cables in the handle lead to the series transformer of the instrument. The plug makes contact between the cables and the metallic springs connected to the circuit. When the plug is taken out, one of the springs snaps back against the other contact, thus restoring the circuit.

The use of this type of switch where many bare parts are connected to high voltages, requires very careful handling and special fireproof mounting.

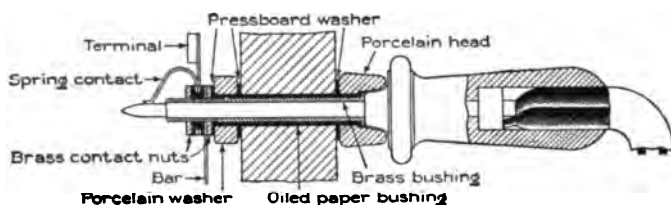


FIG. 81.—Ammeter jack.

As we have seen, plug switches are preferably used to connect the series transformer of one ammeter with different lighting circuits. As long as the plug is not inserted in the receptacle, the primary winding of the series transformer is open. To avoid this the General Electric Company has designated a switch so constructed that the plug connects the primary winding with the various circuits, or short-circuits the winding, according to the depth to which it is inserted in the receptacle.

FUSES

We have noted in Part I—direct current—that all voltage-carrying instruments and apparatus must be protected against overload or short-circuit. The simplest and cheapest of such devices is the fuse. For direct-current use fuses are constructed in open link or in closed types. Their purposes for alternating current are similar to those for direct current, but their construction differs on account of the high voltages employed. They act automatically and must be replaced by hand before the circuit can be restored. They can be used in series with disconnecting switches, rendering the breaking of the switch at high voltage less troublesome. Fuses

are used for very high voltage and amperage. Their construction for high voltage is as follows: (Fig. 82.) The body of the holder consists of an insulated metallic chamber into the upper end of which is screwed a fiber tube. That part of the fuse in the chamber is of smaller cross section than the remainder, to insure rupturing at that point. The expansion of the gases formed by the arc in the chamber expels the fused metal and effectually opens the circuit. The illustration shows the cross section and method of slate or marble mounting of a General Electric Company expulsion fuse for 2300 volts. The lower stud of the holder should be connected to the source of power, and the upper one to the load. All high-tension fuses are fastened on insulated bushings. Fig. 83 shows the cross section of a fuse used for shunt transformers for high voltages. They are often fastened to clips

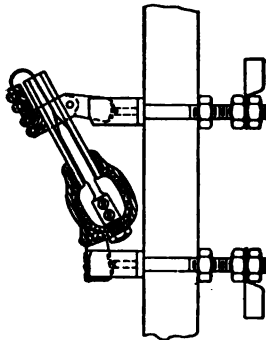


FIG. 82.—Expulsion fuse.



FIG. 83.—Expulsion fuse for shunt transformer.

similar to disconnecting switches, and are used to insure safe access to the shunt transformers. (See Fig. 84.) Another type of a high-potential fused circuit breaker consists of a long hardwood pole on which a movable arm consisting of a reinforced fuse tube is mounted. At the bottom of the fuse tube is a brass expulsion chamber which is connected to the lower terminal of the breaker by a flexible copper shunt.

When the load on the line exceeds the capacity of the fuse the latter blows and the arm of the breaker swings by its own weight

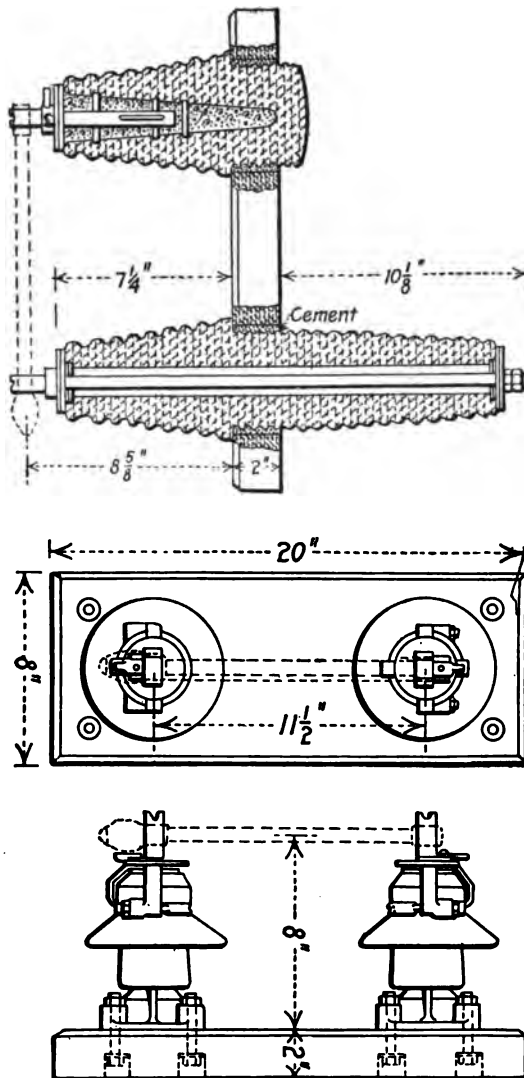


FIG. 84.—Expulsion fuse for shunt transformer as disconnecting switches.

away from the upper-line terminals, thus giving a positive indication that the fuse has blown. It is recommended that the following minimum distances be used between centers for successive fuse holders:

Volts	Distance between Centers in Inches.
2,300.....	12
6,600.....	18
11,000.....	42
22,000.....	48
33,000.....	54
44,000.....	60
66,000.....	72

As noted above, fuses can be used only for automatic current interruption with short-circuit or overload in service which permits of their easy replacement. That is, they are useful only when the time required for replacement causes no inconvenience due to interruption of service. Fuses, however, cannot be made to open all lines of a circuit at once nor can they be arranged for underload or other variation, further, they introduce some fire risk and are expensive to replace.

CHAPTER XV

OIL SWITCHES

DEVELOPMENT in oil-switch construction has resulted in the production of a number of invaluable pieces of apparatus without which it would be difficult to handle high-tension currents safely and economically. The utilization of oil has made it possible to interrupt circuits of high and extra high tension and power with ease and safety, under most severe conditions of short-circuit or overload, and this without damage to the device itself. The latter point is of great importance, since the breaker must be capable of passing current as soon as the outside disturbance is over. A comparison is made by Mr. E. M. Hewlett of relative merits of oil-break to air-break switches.

1. "Abnormal rise in pressure—Owing to the fact that in oil switches the circuit is opened at the zero point of the wave, the rise in pressure found in the air-break switch is not experienced. This point is of considerable importance in high-pressure long-distance lines, and in cables carrying considerable energy." The interruption in oil is therefore no quick break action. The effect of the oil as shown by the oscillograph is to make the arc last through several wave lengths, being broken at the zero value. The efficiency of oil as an arc-suppressing medium is due principally to its cooling effect upon the arc and to its exclusion of air or oxygen, the former corresponding to pouring water on a flame, the latter to removing the fuel.

2. "Power—Experience has proved that oil switches may be designed to break circuits of practically unlimited power."

3. "Length of arc—Owing to the smothering action of the oil on the arc, the length of arc in oil is only a fraction of its length in air."

4. "Insulation—The insulating qualities of the oil decrease the distance required to prevent leakage and arcing."

5. "Size of switch—Owing to the fact that the arc length is materially decreased and the value of the oil as an insulation reduces the creeping surface, an oil switch can be made very much more compact than an air switch."

6. "Remote control—The design of the oil switch lends itself readily to operation by control from a distance."

7. "Arc confined—The fact that the arc is ruptured under the oil within the switch has two advantages; first: switches can be placed close together without danger of short-circuit; second: in case of emergency, confusion is avoided, as there is no visible arc to disconcert the attendant."

8. "Station arrangement—The flexibility of the oil switch places no limitations on the station arrangement, permitting the circuits and buses to be arranged in the most advantageous manner."

9. "Isolation of phases—The possibility of complete isolation of the phases in a reasonable space is easily secured by the use of the oil switch."

The interruption with one phase can be accomplished in a single point, double or manifold. Since in the latter case the breaks are in series, the construction for high voltage can be quite compact and the action of the switch is positive, direct, and rapid. High insulation of phases and poles of the same phase must be maintained, the phases for high tensions being broken in separate tanks. The insulation must be of a permanent character one, for instance, that will not deteriorate from the action of the oil or ozone which is nearly always present where high-tension currents are handled and where static discharges are in evidence.

To insure a plentiful supply of cool oil at the point of arcing, the contacts are sometimes arranged so that a jet of oil is thrown against the portion of the contact on which the arcing occurs. This jet has the additional function of wiping the arc off of the contact piece. To insure the exclusion of air from the arc, a liberal supply of oil is provided above and around the point where the disturbance takes place. The qualities essential in an oil good for use with oil switches are high-voltage breakdown, i.e., good insulation, high flashing and burning points to reduce fire risk, small evaporation and no sedimentation.

Oil switches may be classified according to operation, as automatic and non-automatic. In order that the former may interrupt the circuit at short-circuit or overload they must be self-actuated, and must be able to break a current of several times the generator rating. The non-automatic breakers are not used for such large currents, yet they must be able to interrupt the current when the generator is short-circuited. As to operation we may divide oil switches into three classes:

1. Manually operated.
2. Electrically operated.
3. Pneumatically operated.

1. Manually operated switches of small power rating are mounted on the back of the switchboard, and are operated by means of linkages from the front of the panel. It may sometimes be more convenient or advantageous to mount them on brackets or framework away from the board on the wall or in cells, which may be the case with switches of larger power rating. Under the circumstances they are operated from the board through rods with bell cranks or wire rope.

2. Electrical operation is substituted for manual, when the distance from board to switch and increased size of switch render the above arrangement clumsy or inconvenient. Such manipulation is advantageous under the following conditions:

(a) Oil switches for higher power and voltage are so large that they can be managed more easily electrically than manually (10,000-kw. stations). If operated mechanically they would occupy too much space.

(b) The switches can be installed in any convenient place independent of the position of the switchboard. A saving in copper may thus be attained by placing them near the source of power and the busbars.

(c) The switches can be located so that they cannot be disturbed through any machine parts like steampipes, etc.

(d) In large stations the attendant is enabled to operate with ease any desired circuit since the oil switches control apparatus are concentrated in a small space on the board.

(e) When operating at the switchboard, the attendant is not in danger of coming in contact with high-tension conduits, since only low-tension control wires lead to the board.

(f) Since the attendant is thus assured a safe and isolated place of operation, he is not so easily disconcerted in case of accident when quick action is imperative.

(g) If the switches are inclosed in fireproof cells a fire in any cell can be localized.

In large stations it is important that the control and operation of all generators, exciters, transformers and feeders be concentrated as much as possible, so that one switchboard attendant may control the entire system. This will result in more advantageous management and decrease of operating expenses. In such stations

the power units are so large that the distances between machine centers is considerable. Hence, if cables were to be run from these machines to mechanically operated oil switches, a very undesirable position for the switchboard might be necessitated, if cable cost and ease of installation are taken as criterions. The great danger incurred in handling high-tension apparatus compels us to mount them in such a way that no high-tension wires lead to the switchboard.

Two methods of electrical oil-switch operation are in use. One is by means of solenoids and the other by means of motors. Motor-operated oil switches are built by the General Electric Company, while the solenoid type is made by the General Electric, Westinghouse and other manufacturing companies.

3. Pneumatic oil switches are sometimes employed in place of motor-operated switches. Their manner of operation is much more complicated and not as safe as that of the other types since they require special machinery to produce air pressure. The operation of the valves of the pressure cylinder on the oil switch, moreover, is not reliable. The following synopsis gives a survey of the action, operation, and manipulation of the various types of breakers in use. For relays see Chapter XVI. In the diagram of automatic circuit breakers there are included overload and underload switches for direct current.

METHODS OF OPERATION¹

MANUAL	- On panel - On wall - Remote	- On flat surface - In cell - On pipe framework	
ELECTRICAL	D. c. motor - Solenoid	- Std. sw. op. mechanisms - H 3. forms - D.c. standard mechanisms - A.c. special switches	- Without electric trip - or - With electric trip
MECHANICAL	- Pneumatic - Float - Press reg.	- Air - Liquid	

AUTOMATIC CONTROL

Without series transformers	- Series trip - Auxiliary trip	- Direct relay D. c. trip - Push button - Low voltage	- With or without time - With or without shunt transformers or series resistance	- Constant - Inverse	Overload

¹ David B. Rushmore, "Electrical Connections for Power Stations," A. I. E. E. May 28, 1906.

ULTIMATE BREAKING CAPACITY OF OIL SWITCHES IN KW.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
FOR THREE-PHASE

	Rating	Line voltage	Non-automatic or automatic with time limit relay with 1/2 second delay		Automatic (instantaneous)		Remarks Number of poles and throws. Operation
			On panel, wall, or framework	In cells	On panel, wall, or framework	In cells	
P	amp. 100	volts 4,500	kw. 3,000	kw.	kw.	kw.	Built: Double-pole, single-throw.
	100	4,500	4,000	.....	.....	.....	Triple-pole, single-throw.
	100	4,500	6,000	.....	.....	.....	Four-pole, single-throw.
	200	7,500-15,000	1,500	.....	.....	.....	S. P. S. T.
	200	7,500-15,000	3,000	.....	.....	.....	D. P. S. T.
	200	7,500-15,000	4,000	.....	.....	.....	T. P. S. T.
	200	7,500-15,000	6,000	.....	.....	.....	4 P. S. T. Operated manually. Mounted on poles or wall.
P ₁	200	7,500	3,000	.....	.....	.....	Built: 1, 2, 3, poles, single-throw. Operated manually. Mounted on wall or manholes.
K ₁	50-200	600	3,500	.....	1,400	.....	Built: 2 or 3 poles, single-throw. Operated manually. Tripping coil in series with main circuit.
	300	600	4,200	.....	1,700	.....	
	50	2,500	3,500	.....	1,400	.....	
K ₂ (K ₃)	100-200	2,500	5,300	.....	2,100	.....	Built: 2, 3, or 4 poles, single- or double-throw. Operated manually or electrically. Tripping coil in series with main circuit or in connection with series transformers.
	100-200	4,500	4,700	.....	1,900	.....	
	300-500	2,500	5,900	.....	2,400	.....	
	300-500	4,500	5,300	.....	2,100	.....	
K ₂₀	60-200	600	3,500	.....	1,400	.....	Built: 2, 3 poles, single-throw. Operated manually. Tripping coil in series with main circuit. Mounted on wall.
	300	600	4,200	.....	1,700	.....	
	60-200	2,500	3,500	.....	1,400	.....	
	300	2,500	4,200	.....	1,700	.....	

ULTIMATE BREAKING CAPACITY OF OIL SWITCHES IN KW.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
FOR THREE-PHASE
(Continued)

	Rating	Line voltage	Non-auto- matic or auto- matic with time limit relay with 1/2 second delay		Automatic (instan- taneous)		Remarks Number of poles ¹ and throws. Operation
			On panel, wall, or frame- work	In cells	On panel, wall, or frame- work	In cells	
K ₁	300-500	2,500	5,900	6,800	2,400	2,800	Built: 1, 2, 3, or 4 poles, single-throw. Operated manually or electrically. Tripp- ing coil in connec- tion with series trans- formers.
	300-500	4,500	5,300	6,000	2,100	2,400	
	300-500	7,500	4,300	4,900	1,700	1,900	
	300-500	15,000	2,100	2,400	900	1,000	
	800-1000	2,500	7,700	8,800	3,100	3,500	
K ⁴	300-800	2,500	12,000	13,800	4,800	5,500	Built, operated, and tripped as the K ₂ switch.
	300-800	4,500	11,000	12,600	4,400	5,000	
	300-800	7,500	9,500	11,000	3,800	4,400	
	300-800	15,000	6,500	7,500	2,600	3,000	
K ₁₁	300-800	2,500	12,000	13,800	4,800	5,500	Built, operated, and tripped as the K ₂ switch.
	1200-2000	2,500	11,000	.....	5,000	.....	
	300-800	4,500	11,000	12,600	4,400	5,000	
	1200-2000	4,500	11,000	.....	5,000	.....	
	300-800	7,500	9,500	11,000	3,800	4,400	
	1200	7,500	11,000	.....	5,000	.....	
	300-800	15,000	6,500	7,500	2,600	3,000	
K ₈	100	22,000		4,570		1,840	Built: Single-pole and single-throw. Operated electric- ally. Tripping coil in connection with series transformers.
	100	33,000	.....	2,740	.....	940	
	100	33,000	.....	7,410	.....	2,970	
	100	45,000	.....	4,500	.....	1,890	
	300	22,000	.....	6,170	.....	2,480	
K ₁₀	300	22,000-45,000		20,000		20,000	Built: Single-pole and single-throw. Oper- ated manually, elec- trically, or pneumat- ically. Tripping coil in connection with series transformers or with series relay. Mounted separately without cell and barriers.
	150	70,000	.....	20,000	.....	20,000	
	100	110,000	.....	20,000	.....	20,000	
K ₁₂	150	70,000		50,000		50,000	Built, operated, tripped and mounted as K ₁₀ switch.
	100	110,000	.....	50,000	.....	50,000	
H ₁	For all voltages, amperages, and kilowatts. Built: In single-pole, single-throw units in cells. Operated: Electrically, pneumatically or manually special. Tripping coil in connection with series transformers.						

¹ The number of poles and throws built in one oil vessel.

which all the generators in parallel are capable of developing. In the event of short-circuit, a source of electrical energy may deliver power greatly in excess of its normal capacity and the switch may therefore be required to interrupt not merely the normal energy delivered to the circuit but the entire power which may be developed under short circuit conditions by all the generators which are

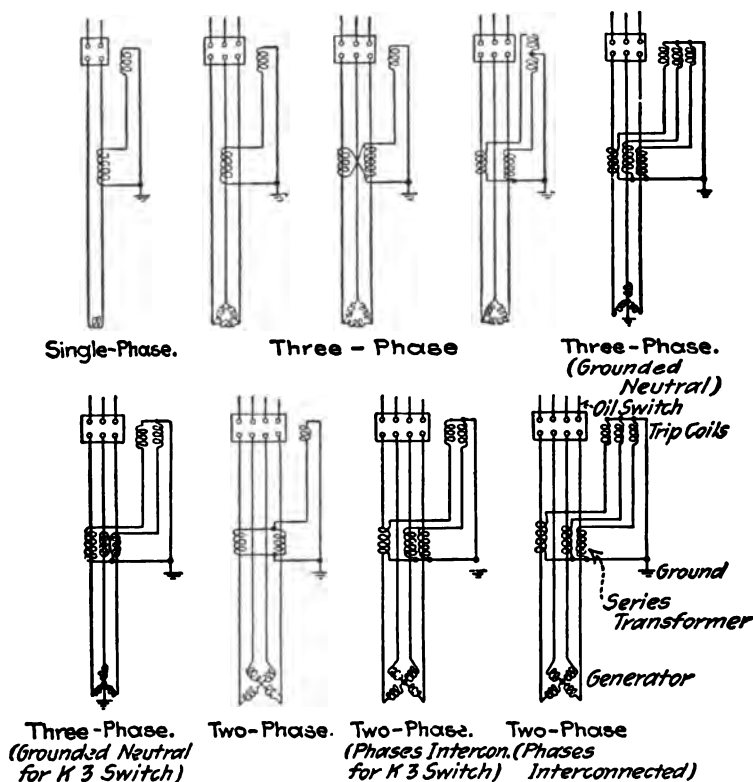


FIG. 86.—Trip coils for oil switches in connection with series transformers.

connected to the system in parallel. The various types of oil switches are therefore constructed for given voltage and maximum breaking capacity without regard to their method of operation and action. The breaking capacity of the various types as made by the General Electric Company, Westinghouse Company, and Hartman Circuit Breaker Company are tabulated on pages 124, 125, 128, 129 and 130.

For single phase multiply the above figures for ultimate kw.

breaking capacity, in the G. E. table, by 0.75 and for two phase by 1.5. For oil switches used with a lower line voltage than given in the table, use kw. rating of the nearest voltage given. Maximum power rating of switches for intermediate voltage values can be found by interpolation.

For instantaneous automatic direct connection to generator busbars, an oil switch should be selected that has an ultimate breaking capacity equal to the total capacity in kilovolt-amperes of the generators which are directly connected to the busbars, and this regardless of whether the oil switches are placed between the generator and busbars or between the busbars and some other apparatus. This rule is based on the aggregate short-circuit currents of all the generators feeding through the oil switch to the short-circuit which has occurred at some point beyond the switch.

For instantaneous automatic direct connection to transformer secondary busbars, there should be selected an oil switch that has an ultimate breaking capacity equal to twice the kilovolt-ampere capacity of all the transformers feeding the busbars. This rule is based on the amount of current that the transformers will permit to flow under short-circuit conditions. In case the transformer secondaries are not connected together on the bus, or feed separate circuits, the capacity of the breaker should, of course, be twice that of the transformer feeding the circuit. Time-limit relays (see Chapter XVI) when set for an absolute minimum of two seconds on any current setting of the relay, may be regarded as doubling the capacity of any automatic oil switch to which they are applied. Non-automatic oil switches may be applied to circuits of three times the capacity to which similar automatic oil switches would be applied.

An oil switch should never be installed on any circuit where it will be subjected, under any conditions, to more than 10 per cent. in excess of its rated voltage.

It is recommended by the General Electric Company that the voltage of oil switches mounted on the board shall not exceed 2500. The above switches are constructed for operation in plants where the normal full-load of the generators in the whole system or section does not exceed the maximum given kw. rating.

Oil switches are constructed so that single, double, triple, or four-pole switches are contained in one oil vessel. Moreover, sets of two, three, or four single-pole switches in separate vessels can be operated as double, triple or four-pole switches by operating them

ULTIMATE BREAKING CAPACITY OF OIL SWITCHES IN KW.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC & MFG. CO.

Type or form	Rating amp.	Line voltage	Kw. rating			Remarks: Number of poles and throws. ¹ Operation. Installation
			Single phase	Two phase	Three phase	
I(A)	50	3,300	150	300	275	2, 3, 4 poles, single-throw. Operated: Manual, non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
	50	6,600	150	300	275	
D	100-1,000	3,300	2,000	4,000	3,500	2, 3, 4 poles, single- and double-throw. Operated: Manual, non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
	100-300	6,600	2,000	4,000	3,500	
H	10-300	600	1,500	3,000	2,600	2, 3, 4 poles, single-throw. Operated: Manual automatic. Mounted on panel or wall. Tripping coil in series with main circuit.
	10-300	2,500	1,500	3,000	2,600	
J	10-300	3,300	1,000	2,000	1,800	2, 3, 4 poles, double-throw. Operated: Manual, automatic. Mounted on panel. Tripping coil in series with main circuit.
F	300	3,300	1,500	3,000	2,600	2, 3, 4 poles, single-throw. Operated: Manual or electrical, automatic, non-automatic. Tripping coil in series with main circuit or in connection with series transformers. Mounted on panel, on wall, or in man-holes.
	10-200	6,600	1,500	3,000	2,600	
B	2,000	600	5,000	10,000	8,500	2, 3, 4 poles, single-throw. Operated: Manual or electrical, automatic or non-automatic. Tripping coil in connection with series transformers. Mounted on panel, wall, or framework.
	1,200	3,300	5,000	10,000	8,500	
	600	6,600	5,000	10,000	8,500	
	300	11,000	5,000	10,000	8,500	
	100	22,000	5,000	10,000	8,500	
C	1,200-3,000	3,300				Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Electrical, automatic or non-automatic. Tripping coil in connection with series transformers. Mounted in cells.
	1,200-2,000	6,600	.....	.....	.....	
	600-2,000	13,000	.....	.....	.....	
	300	35,000	.....	.....	.....	

ULTIMATE BREAKING CAPACITY OF OIL SWITCHES IN KW.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC & MFG. CO.

(Continued)

Type or form	Rating amp.	Line voltage	Kw. rating			Remarks: Number of poles and throws. ¹ Operation. Installation
			Single phase	Two phase	Three phase	
E	1,200	3,500	6,000	12,000	10,400	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Manual or electrical, automatic, non-automatic. Tripping coil in connection with series transformers. Mounted in cells.
	600	7,500	6,000	12,000	10,400	
	300	16,500	6,000	12,000	10,400	
	100	25,000	6,000	12,000	10,400	
G	100	60,000	115,000	230,000	200,000	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Electrical, automatic or non-automatic. Mounted separately or in cells. Tripping coil with series transformers.
	200	120,000	115,000	230,000	200,000	
G A	300	44,000			60,000	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Manual or electrical, automatic or non-automatic. Mounted separately or in cells. Tripping coil with series transformers or relay with series coil.
	.....	66,000	.....	.....	80,000	
	.....	88,000	.....	.....	100,000	
	.....	110,000	.....	.....	120,000	
L	50-200	60,000	12,000		20,000	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Electric or manual, automatic or non-automatic. Mounted in cells or separate. Tripping coil with series transformers.
	50-200	88,000	12,000	.....	20,000	

¹ The number of poles and throws built in one oil vessel.

through a common mechanism. The former are used for tensions up to 6600 volts and the latter with isolated phases for all higher and extra high voltages. If these switches are to be used as double-throw switches their number must be doubled, with exception of type K₃ (G. E. Co.), which contains the necessary number of contacts and studs in one vessel. Two sets of operating mechanisms are necessary for each set of double-throw switches, which are interlocked mechanically or electrically so that it is rendered impossible to close both throws at the same time. Each switch consists of three parts:

ULTIMATE BREAKING CAPACITY OF OIL SWITCHES IN KW.

HARTMAN CIRCUIT BREAKER COMPANY

Type or form	Rating amp.	Line voltage	Single phase	Two phase	Three phase	Remarks: ¹Number of poles and throws. Operation. Installation
A	25-400 25-200	3,300 6,600	kw. 2,500 2,500	kw. 5,000 5,000	kw. 4,000 4,000	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Manual or electric, automatic or non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
B	100-200	2,500	500	1,000	850	2, 3, or 4 poles, single-throw. Operated: Manual, non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
C	1,200 25-900 25-400 25-200 25-100	1,100 3,300 6,600 15,000 22,000	5,000 5,000 5,000 5,000 5,000	10,000 10,000 10,000 10,000 10,000	8,500 8,500 8,500 8,500 8,500	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Manual, wire rope, electric, automatic or non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
D	50	7,500	.....	.....	.....	2 poles, single-throw. Operated: Manual, non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
F	100-300 100-200	3,300 6,000	2,500 2,500	5,000 5,000	4,000 4,000	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Manual, non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
G	100-200	3,300	500	1,000	850	2, 3, or 4 poles, single-throw. Operated: Manual, automatic or non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
A.T.	25-400	6,600	2,500	5,000	4,000	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Manual or electric, automatic or non-automatic. Mounted on panel or wall.
E	 Superseded by C.	45,000	.....	.....	.....	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Electric, automatic. Mounted in cells.
H	100	60,000	.....	.....	17,000	Single-pole, single-throw. Operated: Wire rope, electric, automatic or non-automatic. Mounted on wall.

THESE SWITCHES ARE USED WITH A NORMAL LOAD OF A SYSTEM NOT EXCEEDING ONE-THIRD OF THE BREAKING CAPACITY SPECIFIED.

¹ The number of poles and throws built with one oil vessel.

1. A frame holding the studs, contact pieces, and porcelain bushings.
2. A removable oil vessel mounted on the frame.
3. Movable contact bridges with operating devices.

The contact pieces with the movable contact bridges are the parts which carry the current and which when separated by the action of the mechanism open the circuit. They must be of ample cross section to carry, without undue rise in temperature, the current for which the oil switch is designed. The area of the contact surfaces must also be sufficient to carry safely the required current. It is often possible to increase the capacity of the contact surfaces of an oil switch by increasing the pressure with which these surfaces are held in contact. The design of the contacts must be such that the carrying capacity of the contact surfaces will not be impaired by the arcing which is likely to occur between these faces when opening the circuit. This end may be accomplished either by the use of auxiliary contacts which remain closed until the main current-carrying surfaces have separated and which take the arc due to the final opening of the circuit (like the auxiliary carbon contacts of a circuit breaker), or by making the contacts of a form similar to that of controller fingers where the main contact surfaces open first and the final break occurs on the points of the fingers. An ideal contact would be one which is self-adjusting, both in regard to alignment of surfaces and in compensating for wear due to continued operation or severe arcing. Freezing or sticking of contacts due to arcing at the instant of operation must be guarded against, and it must be possible to actuate an electrically-operated switch manually with a reasonable degree of safety. It is, of course, highly desirable that the contact surfaces should be easily accessible for inspection and repair.

The insulating parts of an oil switch which separate the line contacts and current-carrying parts from each other and from ground must be of sufficient mechanical strength to withstand considerable rough usage and capable of withstanding some degree of heat. The material which affords the most permanent insulation is glazed porcelain. It can be used equally well in air or in oil. Porcelain has only the mechanical disadvantages that it is somewhat easily broken and that it gradually develops cracks when placed under strain. Glazed porcelain is not affected by atmospheric action, will not absorb moisture even though tainted with chemical vapors and is easily cleaned off when fouled, leaving a surface as good as before. Neither is glazed porcelain softened by heat.

Hard rubber is also a good insulator for use in air, as it is strong mechanically and has permanent insulating qualities under ordinary conditions, but it cannot be used under oil or where it is possible for oil to reach it owing to its very rapid deterioration under such circumstances. On the other hand, fiber is mechanically tougher

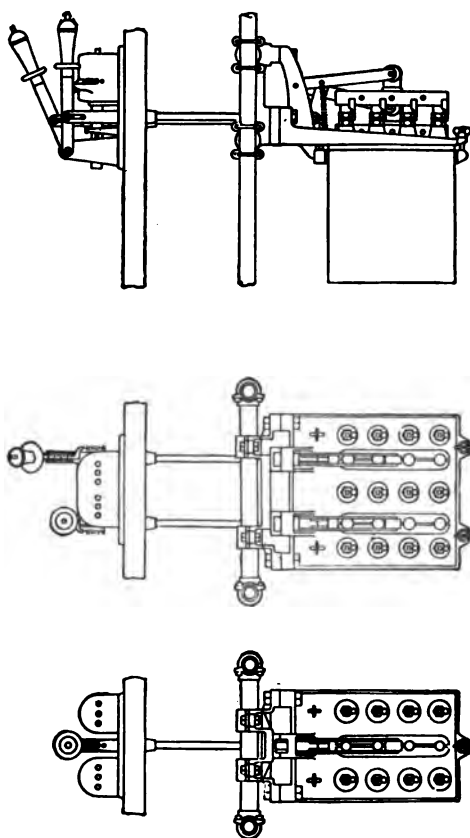


FIG. 87.—K3 oil switch mounted on pipe supports back of the panel.

than porcelain and can be used under oil with a good degree of safety and permanence, but it warps and disintegrates under the action of the atmosphere. A molded composition is used with very good success by the Hartman Circuit Breaker Company for both oil tanks and for insulating material on which live contact parts are mounted. Protection against atmosphere action—both disin-

tegration of the material and the absorption of moisture from the air by the material—is secured by a surface skin of glaze.

Another material which is extensively used as an insulating material is wood. Dry, well-seasoned wood is an excellent insulator, is easily worked into almost any shape, is strong mechanically and is permanent in form and insulating qualities. However, wood must be prepared against the absorption of moisture before it is placed in actual service, by closing the pores with some insulating material. In moderate voltage service soapstone makes a good material for bases which support contacts where good insulating qualities are required.

All mechanism should be as simple and reliable in action as possible. The fewer special auxiliary attachments, the more reliable will be the operation of the apparatus. The action of the oil switch in making and interrupting circuits must be positive and rapid because the effectiveness of the device is largely due to the quickness with which the circuit is opened.

Fig. 87 shows a K3 four-pole single and double-throw switch with release mechanism, mounted on pipe supports back of the panel.

Cables or bar connections are led to the outside terminal of the poles at safe distances from all metallic parts. The wedge-shaped copper bridges are fastened to wooden rods connected to the operating mechanism so that they can move through the frame. They are operated rapidly and simultaneously under oil. The oil vessel is lined throughout with laminated wood and is furnished with barriers of the same material, which are held securely in position between the poles of the switch. When the switch is to be tripped automatically, the tripping coil operates the linkage of the mechanism without moving the handle on the front of the board from its "closed" position, which might otherwise injure the attendant. This action is made possible by the slot in the horizontal member of the mechanism on the front of the board. If, for instance, the operator closes a switch on a short-circuit or overloaded line, the tripping coil will immediately throw open the oil switch without throwing out the handle in the hand of the operator. Such switches are termed non-closable on overload. The position of mounting thus requires a base casting and extension link. The K20 oil switch is adapted for use as a controlling device for induction motors in any industry where inflammable materials or explosive gases are present. This switch is entirely enclosed, has no live parts exposed and therefore minimizes the fire hazard. When non-automatic it is generally

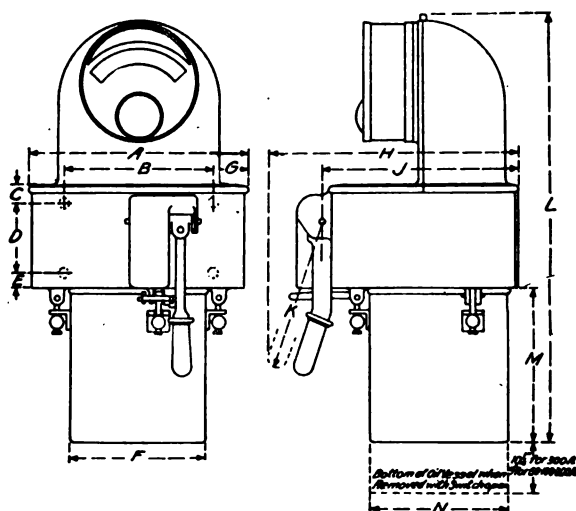


FIG. 88.—K20 oil switch with series ammeter.

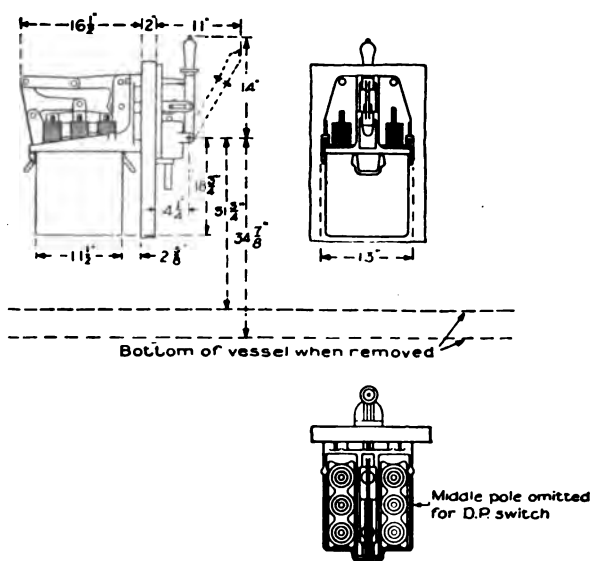


FIG. 89.—K2 oil switch.

employed with induction motors when fuses are installed. The automatic switch has usually an inverse time-limit adjustment of fifteen seconds at the starting current of the motor or approximately five times the running current. This gives a time delay of about three minutes at 25 per cent. overload. Fig. 88 shows the

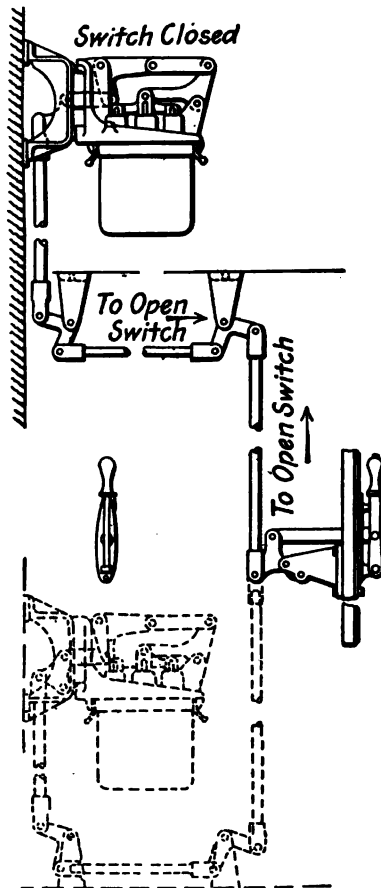


FIG. 90.—Pipe mechanism for operation of K and K₂ oil switches.

K₂₀ switch with a series ammeter on the top. The leads are brought out through the bottom of the cover frame. In Fig. 89 we have one triple-pole single-throw K₂ switch with electrical trip (one coil) for use with series transformer. For the double-pole single-throw switches, the middle pole of the three-pole switch is omitted. The

contact fingers of this switch are flared and made of drop-forged copper, fastened to the studs by heavy springs which insure good contact with the moving blades. The shape of the blade is such that the final interruption of the circuit occurs on the flared portion of the contact fingers and above the working surface of the blade. The oil vessels are of sheet metal lined with maple. Figs. 90 and 91 show methods of mounting double, triple or four-pole K₂ non-automatic oil switches. They are mounted on the wall or in cells removed from the board. The mounting also applies to automatic switches. The method of mounting shown in Fig.

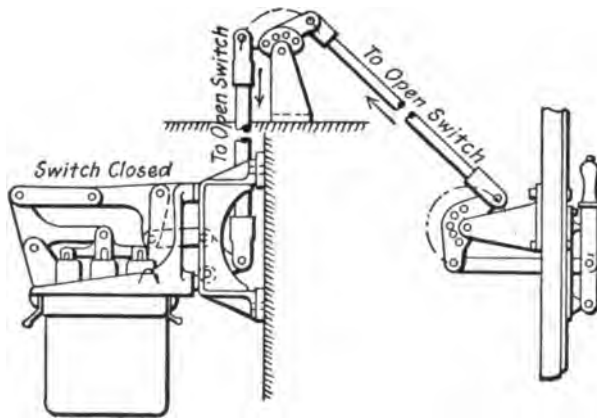


FIG. 91.—Pipe mechanism for operation of K and K₂ oil switches.

90 allows the placing of the oil switch in any position relative to the board. Care must be taken, however, that the length of compression members of the operating mechanism be not too great as otherwise bending will take place, so that the switch is not completely opened or closed. Such members may be strengthened by guides or through increase in cross section. Fig. 91 requires the mounting to be in a plane perpendicular to the back of the board at the center line of mechanism handle. Fig. 92 is a photograph of three single-pole K₂ single-throw switches for 15,000 volts and 300 amp., operated from the same mechanism by means of a common shaft. Each oil switch is mounted in a separate cell of brick or other fireproof material (omitted in the cut). The mounting of the cells and the corresponding switches relative to their control panel is such that the rod from the board operates the shaft between its bearings or immediately outside of one of the bearings.



FIG. 92.—Triple-pole single-throw 15,000-volt K2 oil switches for remote control.
(Each pole is installed in a separate brick cell, not shown.)

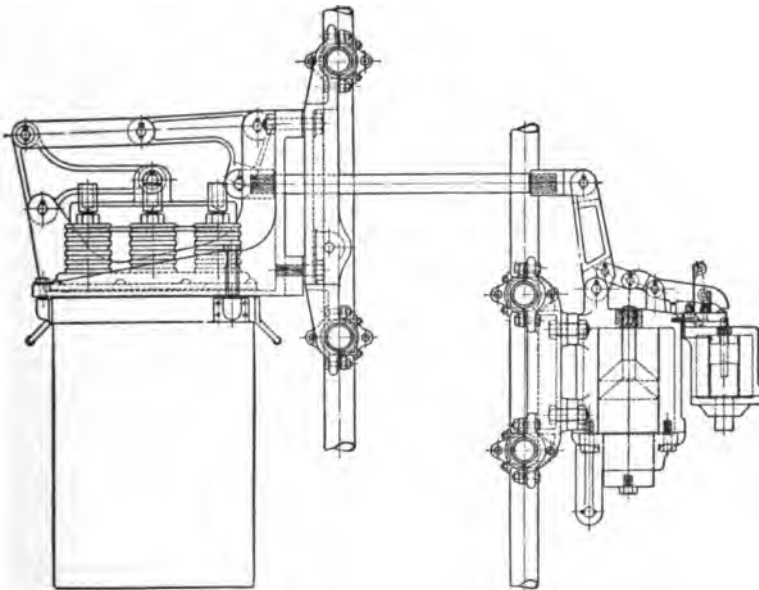


FIG. 93.—K2 oil switches operated by direct-current solenoids.

Fig. 93 shows arrangements for an electrically operated three-pole K₂ oil switch. The switch and d.c. solenoid are mounted on pipe supports. Their relative position may be varied as desired, provided the necessary changes in operating mechanism are made. Sets of two, three or four single-pole switches in cells similar to those shown in Fig. 92 may be operated with common solenoids, in place of mechanical devices. Fig. 94 shows a triple-pole oil switch, type K₄ with electric trip. For double pole, the middle

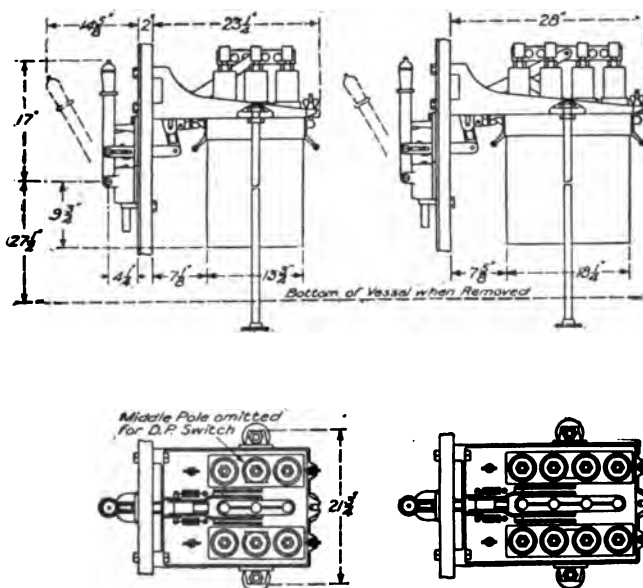


FIG. 94.—K₄ oil switch.

pole of the triple-pole switch is omitted. The oil switches are mounted on the board and are braced by two pipe supports apiece because of the greater weight and lever arm.

When mounting oil switches, provision must be made allowing removal of the oil vessel when the switch is open. In exceptional cases allowance can be made for removal of the vessel when the switch is closed, when special care in handling is necessary. This condition is fixed by the distance between the bottom of the vessel and the floor or cell bottom. The method of mounting a three-pole type K₄ oil switch on pipe supports is given in Fig. 95

These switches may also be furnished with a low-voltage coil or with different relays (see following chapter) and auxiliary switches

(for interlocking electrically). When solenoid operated switches are used, control switches and control relays with signal lamps must be provided.

Recently the General Electric Company introduced the K₁₂ oil switch, which supersedes the K₂ and K₄ switches. It has many features like the last mentioned and differs only in the mechanical construction of the operating mechanism.

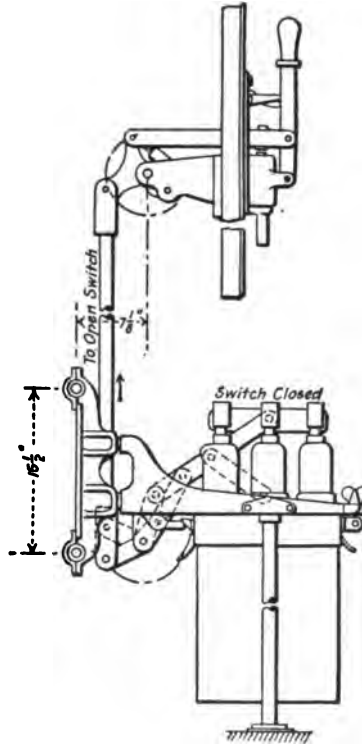


FIG. 95.—Pipe mechanism for a K₄ oil switch.

Fig. 96 is a wiring diagram for a d.c. solenoid for operating an oil switch. It has two windings (see Fig. 93), the larger one (A) being the closing coil and (B) the tripping coil. A small double-pole controlling switch is mounted on the board, which controls the current for the opening and closing coils. A red bull's-eye lamp shows when the switch is closed, and a green one when it is open. On the solenoid there are also two small auxiliary switches 1 and 2. Switch 1 is open when the oil switch is closed, that is, after coil A

has operated. It is closed when the oil switch is open. The action of switch 2 is the reverse of that of switch 1. The object of each of the two auxiliary switches is to disconnect the coil with which it is in series, after this coil has operated, and at the same time to throw into circuit the coil of the other switch, thus preparing the solenoid for reversing, which is made possible by operation of the controlling switch. The auxiliary switches also operate the signal

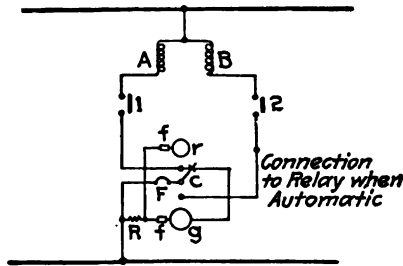


FIG. 96.—Diagram of a solenoid operated oil switch.

lamps. Resistance R is used only when the d.c. circuit for the operation of the solenoids has an e.m.f. over 125 volts. The solenoids and lamps are protected by the fuses F and f . The opening coil B is smaller because the weight of the contact bridge helps to open the oil switch. The diagram is for non-automatic operation.

When oil switches are to be used as double-throw switches, as is the case when transferring connections between busbar sets, the

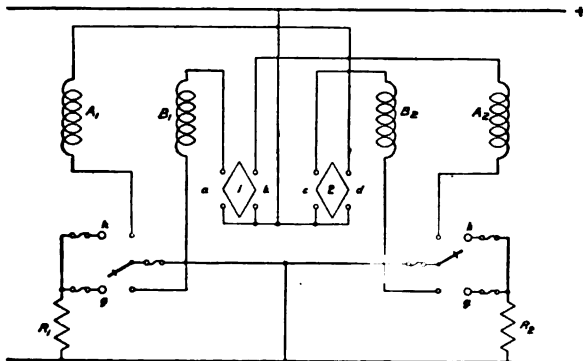


FIG. 97.—Diagram of two interlocked solenoid operated oil switches.

simultaneous closing of both throws must be prevented. For mechanically or electrically operated switches this is provided for in the mechanical or electrical interlocking devices.

Fig. 97 is a wiring diagram for two electrically interlocked solenoid mechanisms for the operation of two oil switches. A_1 and A_2 are the closing, and B_1 and B_2 the opening coils. Auxiliary switch 1 closes the side a when the oil switch U_1 is closed. Similarly switch 2 closes side c when switch U_2 is closed. Switch 1 closes side b when U_1 is open, and switch 2 closes side d when U_2 is open. Consider for example that U_2 is closed, as indicated by the red lamp



FIG. 98.—K15 oil switch single-pole, solenoid operated.

h_2 , and that C_2 is in the upper position. Then switch 2 will close side c . If we now attempt to close switch U_1 we throw C_1 into the upper position in order to excite coil A_1 . But d of switch U_2 is open. Therefore A_1 is not in position to close U_1 , and therefore U_1 cannot be closed. This shows that both switches cannot be closed at the same time, but that they can be opened together. In Fig. 97 both switches are non-automatic.

As the table shows the K10 and K15 oil switches are adapted for potential between 22,000 and 110,000 volts. Each pole is con-

tained in a boiler tank of such dimensions that no barriers between the leads and no cells for the tank are necessary. The switches are especially suited for overhead and also open wiring. The bushings of the outgoing leads are of the built-up type having porcelain ends with intermediate rings of compound and threaded fiber washers between joints. As to the operation of these switches, attention is called to the attempt made to use compressed air for

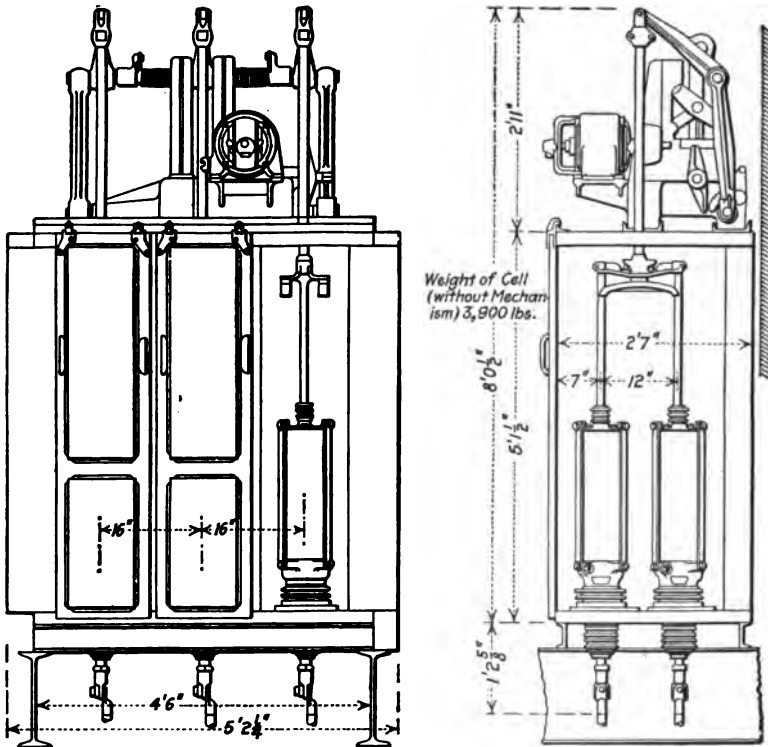


FIG. 99.—Motor operated H₃ oil switch.

remote control when direct current for the actuation of a solenoid mechanism is not available. For that purpose, a small a.c. air-compressor equipment with an air-diaphragm mechanism in connection with remote control electrically operated valves are to be used.

The overload protection of these switches sometimes permits the adoption of a series relay trip. (See following Chapter.) By means of hand-operated switches this trip acts directly on the toggle mechanism, while by means of the solenoid operation of the

oil switch it influences the tripping coil of the solenoid to close an auxiliary small switch of an electrical circuit.

Fig. 98 shows a single element of K15 110,000-volt oil switch solenoid operated.

The General Electric Company recommends types H₃ and H₄ oil switches for the largest stations with any voltage. (See Fig. 99.) These switches are distinguished from all other types by three characteristics. Each terminal of a pole pair is contained in a

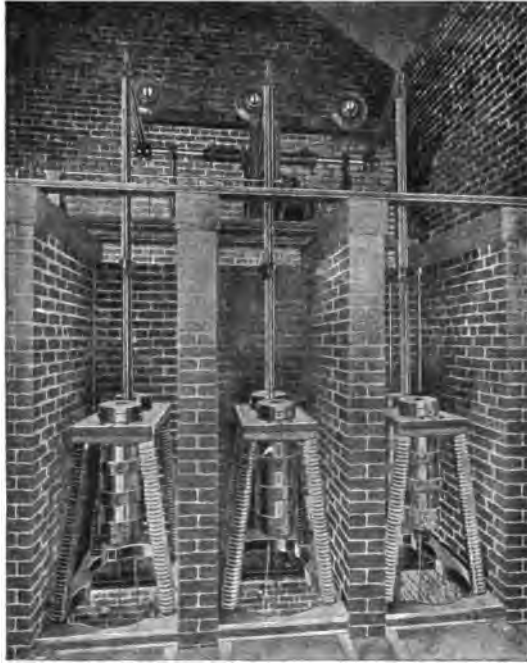


FIG. 100.—Motor operated H₃ oil switch for 60,000 volts.

separate oil vessel, the outside terminals are on the bottoms of the vessels instead of the top or side, as in other types, and finally the switch is operated by a d.c. motor. Each pole pair is mounted in a separate cell, three such cells constituting a three-pole switch. Since each pole is inclosed in a separate vessel the arcs at the points of interruption are separated, which increases the safety of the device. Since the cable connections are made at the bottom of the vessels they are separated from all movable parts, affording better insulation and easier access. The metal plungers which project

through the top of the insulators are connected to a metallic cross arm, which in turn is joined to the operating mechanism by wooden rods. The operating height of the plunger is 12 inches for 6000 volts, and 17 inches for 12,000 volts. All poles open simultaneously, six arcs being formed in the three-pole switch. The cells inclosing the switches are made of brick. The top and bottom are slate, the bottom containing the insulators for the cable connections.

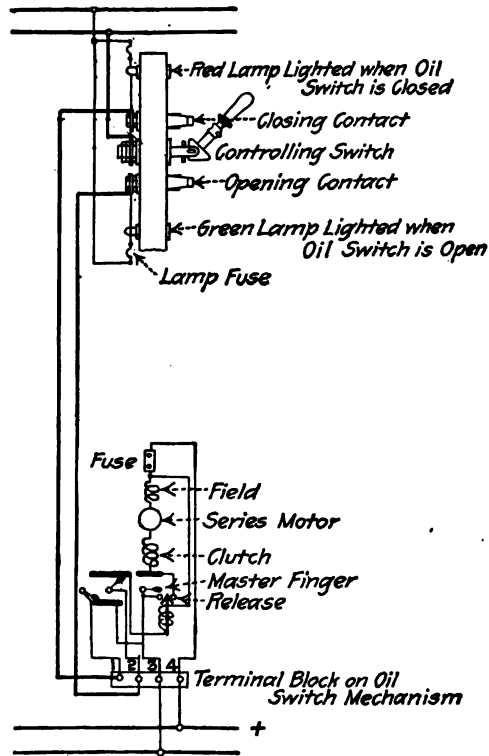


FIG. 101.—Connection of controlling circuits for H₃ oil switch with magnetic release. (Using double-throw controlling switch, normally open with double-throw contact fingers.)

The motor operation has an advantage over the solenoid method in that it operates the switches more rapidly than the solenoid under lower service voltage. The above illustration shows an H₃ switch for 15,000 volts, good for 1200 amp. The oil vessels are made of brass or sheet steel lined with insulating material. For 60,000 volts and over, the vessels are made barrel-shaped, and are con-

structed of wood, held together by rope windings, being supported in the cell on four insulated legs. (See Fig. 100.)

Fig. 101 is the wiring diagram for the motor of an H₃ oil switch. Its operation consists essentially in winding up two spiral springs after each throw of the switch. Opening of the oil switch is entirely independent of the motor. A control switch or relay on the board controls the circuit of an electric magnet operating a toggle. This

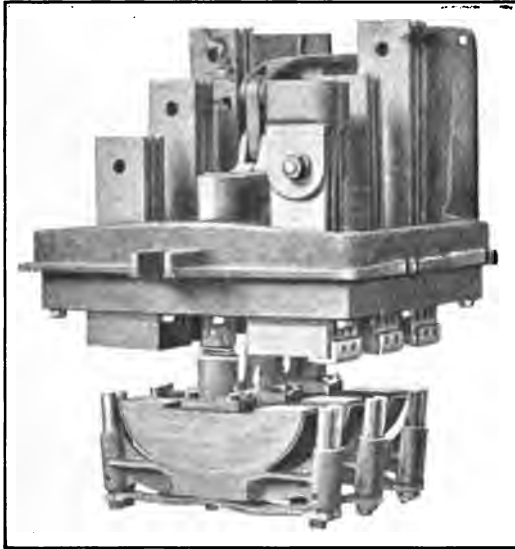


FIG. 102.—Contact mechanism and terminals, 2000-ampere oil switch type B, open position.

toggle releases the spring which operates the switch, simultaneously starting the motor to wind up the springs.

The floor where the cells are set up requires special construction on account of the cell weight and the cable connections on the bottom of the cell.

Westinghouse oil switches may be classified in two groups, the first comprising those in which the interrupting device is similar to a knife switch, so that each pole pair is interrupted on one side only, the second group including such forms where there is interruption at both terminals of each pole pair. In the first group are the several knife blades connected together by a specially treated wooden piece which is itself connected by a rod of the same material

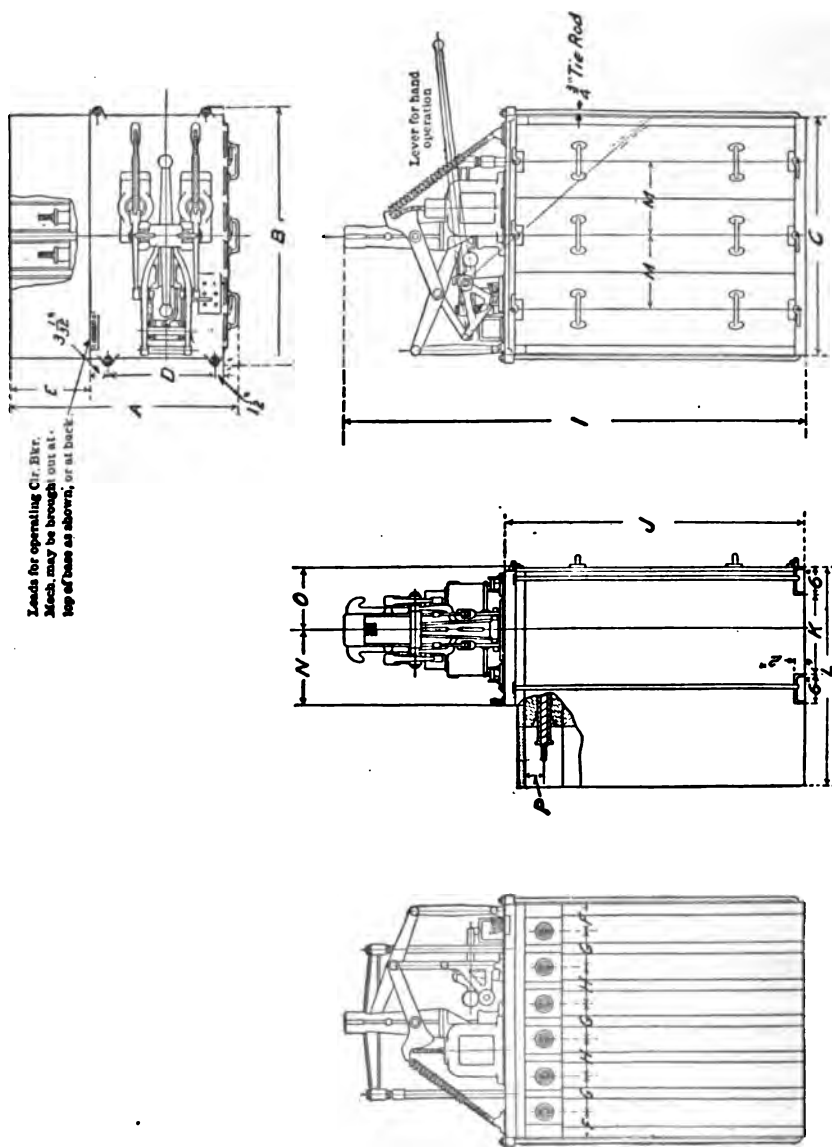


FIG. 103.—Type C oil switch electrically operated distant control.

to the operating lever. Knife blade contacts are used for type I and D switches as they insure the best contact for low-temperature rise. Each jaw has an arcing piece attached which takes the final break, thus preventing any possibility of arcing between the jaws and the blades. Insulating barriers are fastened to the cover between the pole pairs. In type B, each pole has a separate tank lined with insulation. All tanks, terminal insulators, and operating mechan-

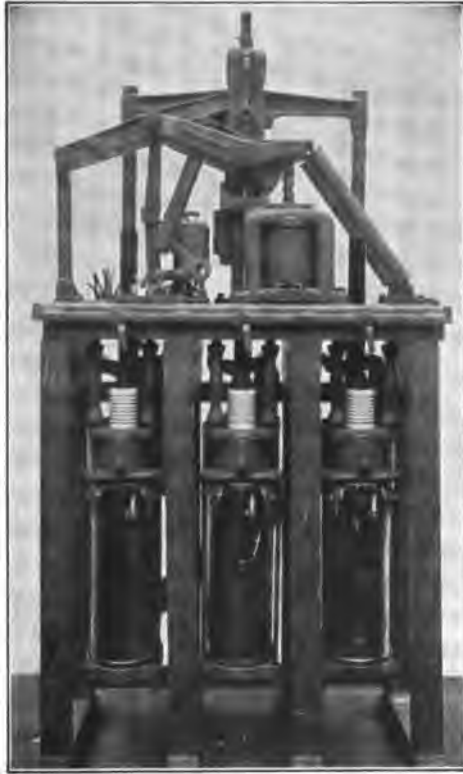


FIG. 104.—Type C oil switch solenoid operated.

isms are carried on a cast-iron frame fastened to the switchboard or wall for remote control. The contacts are made in brush type and are held in open position by gravity, see Fig. 102. The tanks and rods carrying the contacts serve as barriers between the points where arcing may occur. At overload or short-circuit the tripping coil which opens the oil switch releases a trigger, so that the handle

is not thrown open. For voltages above 6600 volts it is advisable to ground the metallic framework of the breakers, and in cases where the power is more than 4000 kw. per circuit it is the best practice to operate the oil switch apart from the switchboard. For higher voltages and larger power the Westinghouse Company makes use of type C switches electrically operated and mounted in fireproof cells. It is used under conditions similar to those where types K6 or H₃ or G. E. make would be used. Figs. 103 and 104 show the outlines of the cells and the operating mechanism and a view of the switch proper. Each cell contains one pole pair in one oil tank, which is easily removable. The contacts are mounted on large porcelain insulators. The leads are brought out at the rear of the switch and may pass directly into a masonry conduit. Fireproof insulating barriers are provided between phases on the back of the cell, and smaller barriers of slate or asbestos are placed between cables of the same phase. The oil tanks are constructed of heavy sheet metal, the interior being lined with insulating cement, which is molded in such a form as to fit closely about the terminals and moving contact piece. By this means the necessary amount of oil is reduced to a minimum. The contact bridge is carried by a wooden piece, which at the same time serves as a barrier between the poles. These wooden rods are fastened at their upper ends to a wooden cross bar, which through a system of levers is raised by means of the closing solenoid core, assisted at the beginning of each motion by a pair of balancing springs. Oil switches of this type are operated by means of solenoids, requiring a 125-volt direct current. A control switch governs the operation. Tell-tale indicators and red and green signal lamps are used to indicate the open and closed positions of the oil switch. The break in these switches occurs near the surface of the oil instead of in the lower portion of the tank as in type H₃.

Fig. 105 is a manually operated type E switch, mounted in cells. It is provided with an automatic tripping coil. A toggle joint operates a horizontal shaft from which the switches are operated together through separate rods. These rods are placed in the front of the cell between the doors. Type E switch is built single-pole and is mounted in separate cells, being fastened to the slate or soapstone cell cover. The same type of switch with electrical operating mechanism is shown in Fig. 106. The single-pole switches are similar to the manually operated type E switch, and are similarly mounted on the covers of the cells in which they are contained.

Each switch has its own solenoid mounted on the cover, but they are all simultaneously operated from a single control switch on the board. Under certain conditions of installations an interlocking mechanism for coupling together the poles of a multipolar, electrical operated oil switch may be used.

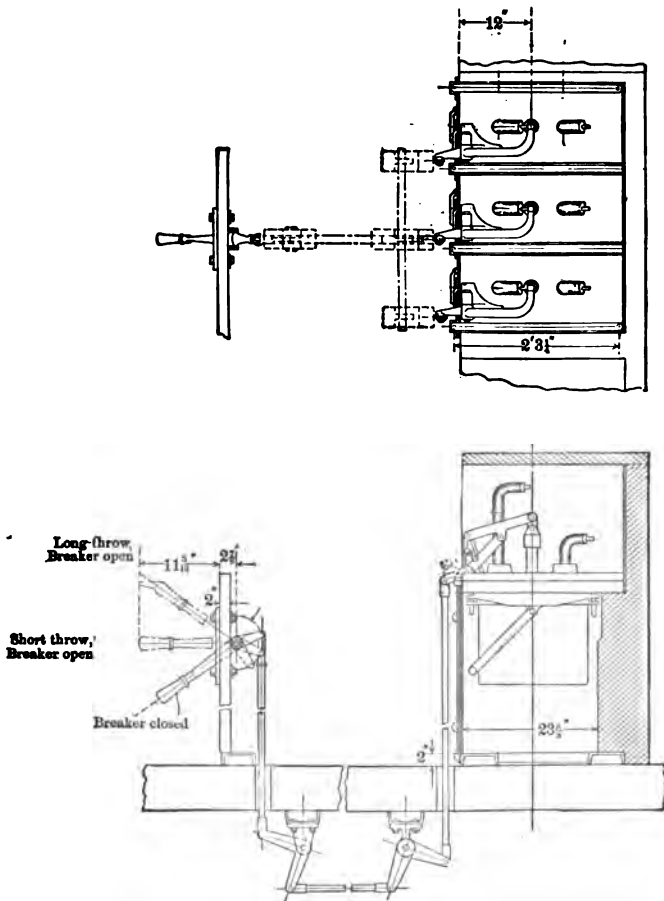


FIG. 105.—Manually operated type E switch mounted in cells.

In Fig. 107 we have a set of three single-pole, type G oil switches, built for 60,000 volts. They are operated by a common solenoid mounted at the foot of the cell; the tanks, of which (one for each switch) are made of boiler steel lined with insulation. Poles in the same tank are separated by insulating barriers. The heavily insu-

lated cable terminals project about 4 ft. 6 in. above the top of the cell. The three vessels may be mounted in cells or on iron frame supports. The cross piece operated by the solenoid is connected to three sets of toggles which operate the wooden rods of the U-shaped contact bridges.

Fig. 108 is a set of three single-pole type G oil switches for 120,000 volts. The boiler steel tanks are supported on iron framework. All three switches are operated by one solenoid through a cross arm and rod. The tanks are separated from each other by a certain

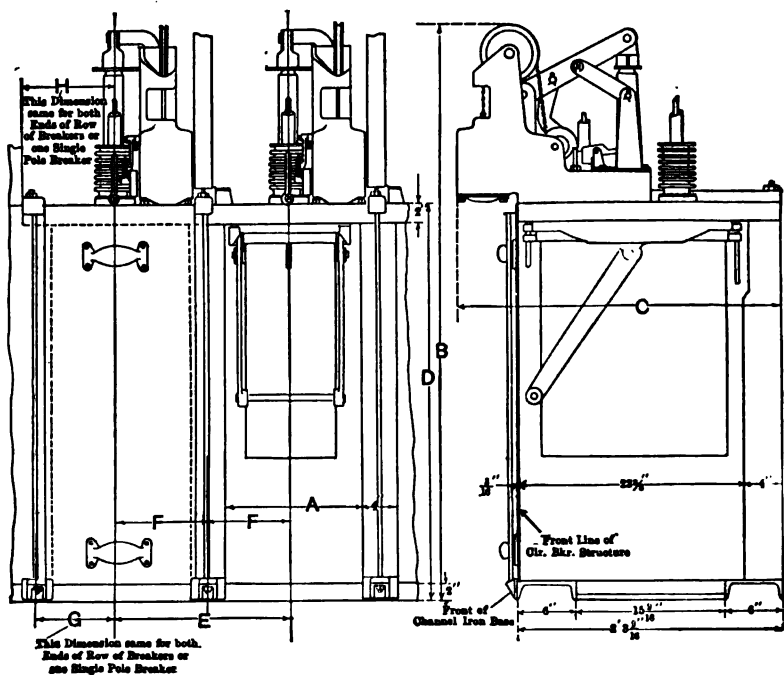


FIG. 106.—Type E oil switch electrically operated

distance. A new oil switch termed type G A has recently come into use for high-potential systems where circuits carrying large amounts must be broken. This type supersedes partially the G type oil switch. Each pole of the switch is a separate, distinct unit enclosed in an oil tank composed of boiler sheet steel. The walls of the tank are lined with rope cement paper.

Fig. 109 is a sectional view of the G A oil switch in its closing position.

The lower or movable contacts are carried by a metallic cross bar, and consists of pieces of cylindrical brass rod backed by compression springs which render the contacts self-aligning. The operating mechanism of the manually-operated switch consists of a simple system of levers, bell cranks and links actuated by a toggle mounted on a panel. The distance of the panel from the oil switch should, however, not exceed 30 ft.

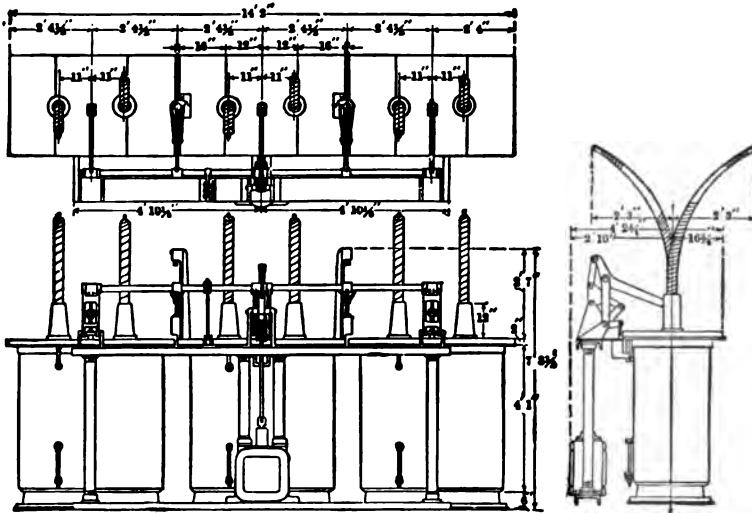


FIG. 107.—Type G oil switch electrically operated for 60,000 volts.

The breaking distances, or distances between the contacts when the oil switch is open, are given in the following table.

Volts	Distance per Break, Inches
44,000.....	11.5
66,000.....	16.5
88,000.....	20.0
110,000.....	23.5

Fig. 110 shows the outlines of a type L oil switch for 88,000 volts, which is operated either manually with toggles or electrically. The distance of contacts above the cell when the switch is open is 17 in. for a 60,000-volt switch, and 20 in. for 88,000 volts. The tanks are made of hard wood, covered with metal sheeting. In each tank there is a double barrier between the poles, and the contacts are fastened to bushings in the middle of each of the two resulting

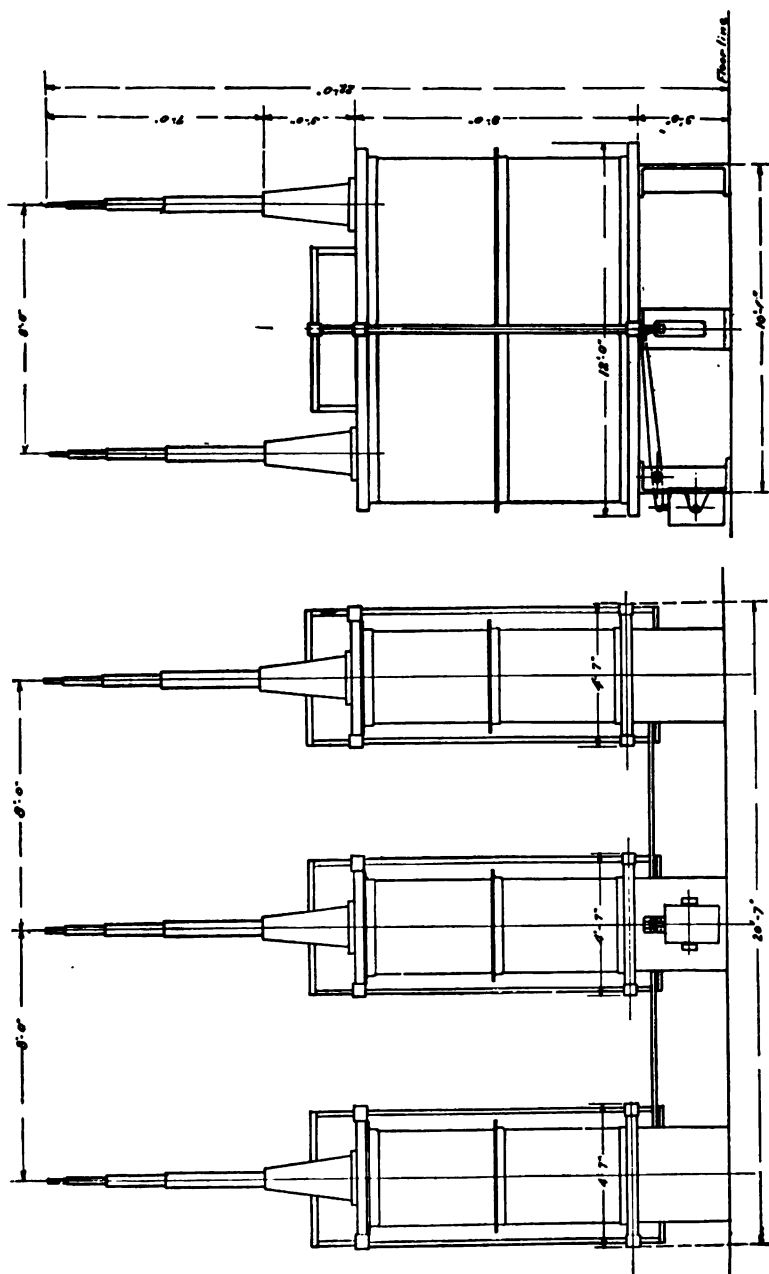


FIG. 108.—Type G oil switch electrically operated for 120,000 volts.

chambers. A movable rod between the barriers operates the contact bridge through the slots cut into the barriers. The solenoids are mounted on the lower part and operate the rods of the contact bridges through the cross arm and toggle mechanism. In all of

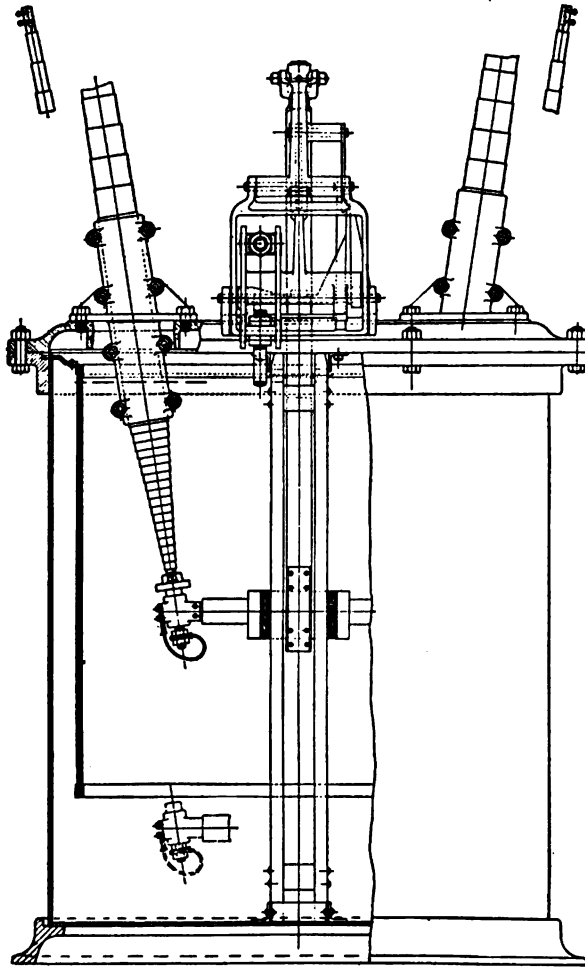


FIG. 109.—Type GA oil switch.

the last-mentioned switches, heavily insulated cables project from the bushings in the cover, to which the circuit connections are made. These switches can be opened automatically or non-automatically, as shown by the table for Westinghouse switches. Special appli-

ances for automatic interruption will be discussed in the chapter on relays.

The scope of this treatise does not make it possible to discuss the products of all manufacturers of oil switches. Only those have been selected which are most used in service, and their special

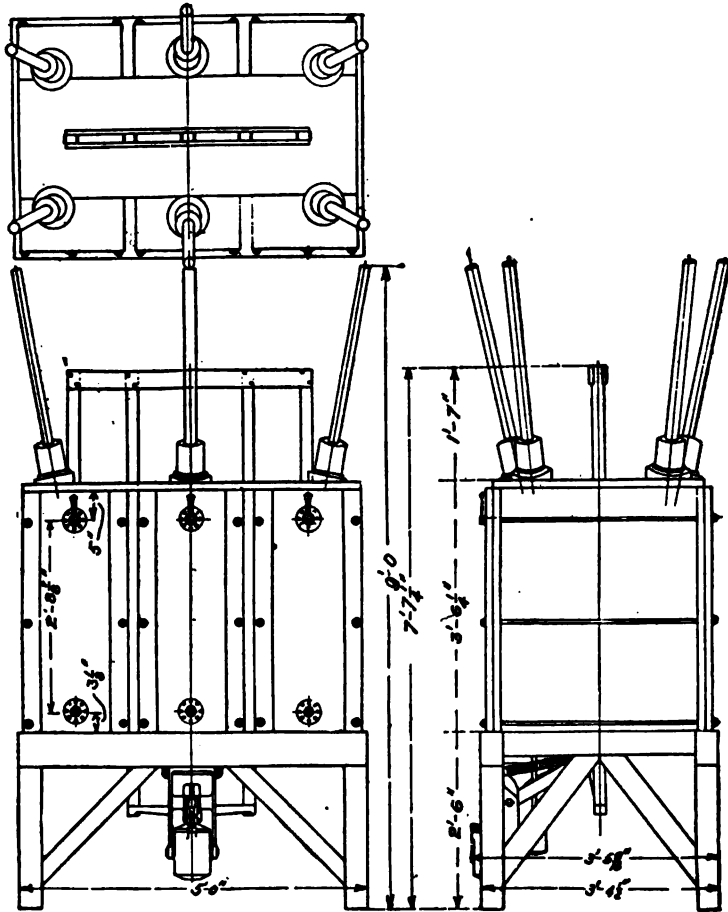


FIG. 110.—Type L oil switch electrically operated for 60,000 volts.

characteristics have been emphasized. Some of the products of the Hartman Circuit Breaker Company also deserve mention. The oil tanks of switches of this company are made of molded fiber, so that a good separation of both poles is attained with the aid of the rods carrying the contact bridge.

The pole pairs of a switch type A are in separate oil tanks, and the whole switch, including operating mechanism and automatic



FIG. 111.—Type B three-pole non-automatic oil switch.



FIG. 112.—15,000 volt type C non-automatic oil switch.

tripping coil, is carried on two pipes fastened to the switchboard. For low voltages and small capacity, all three-pole pairs are placed

in one tank. (See Fig. 111, type B.) Effective barriers against arcing are found in the extra wooden rods between the phases and the operating rods for each pole pair. Up-and-down motion of the rods is brought about by a crank-like motion of the operating mechanism. Fig. 112 is the type C for 15,000 volts with tanks removed. The covers of the tanks together with the bushings



FIG. 113.—Three-pole type C automatic oil switch for wall mounting and remote control. (Shown with one switch and one transformer tank removed.)

are made of treated fiber. The illustration shows the movable laminated contacts of jaw type and the wedge-shaped fixed contacts which fit into them.

For a.c. series arc circuits type D oil switch is used in place of plug switches. It is a double-pole switch in one tank similar to type B, Fig. 111. For high tensions type C is used, which is operated electrically from the board or by a wire rope arrangement. Fig. 113 illustrates a three-pole switch with two series transformers inclosed in tanks similar to oil-switch tanks. In the illustration,

one of the pole-pair tanks and one of the transformer vessels are removed. The outer vessels are the transformer tanks. The entire apparatus is carried on two pipe supports. Arrangements for wire rope operation, and electrical manipulation are shown in Figs. 114 and 115. In both cases the switches are mounted on a distant wall.

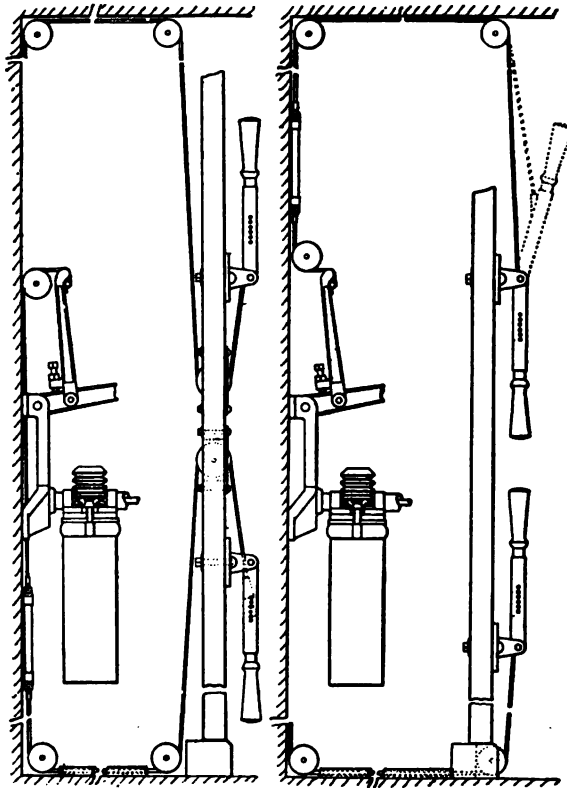


FIG. 114.—Table contact for types C and H oil switches.

The type H switch is built for 60,000 volts. Instead of a double-break, a quadruple-break is used. (See Fig 116.) Two auxiliary poles are supplied for each pole pair, and the two contact bridges are operated mechanically by two rods. The treated fiber tanks are fitted with barriers and projections, which, with the movable rods, afford separation of the poles and auxiliary poles. This oil switch, like the type C, is operated electrically or by wire rope, and

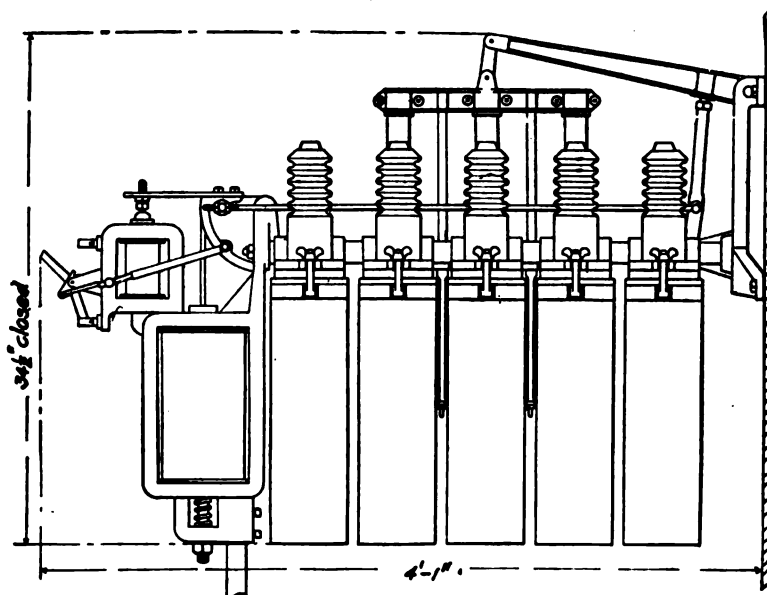


FIG. 115.—Type C oil switch electrically operated for 22,000 volts.

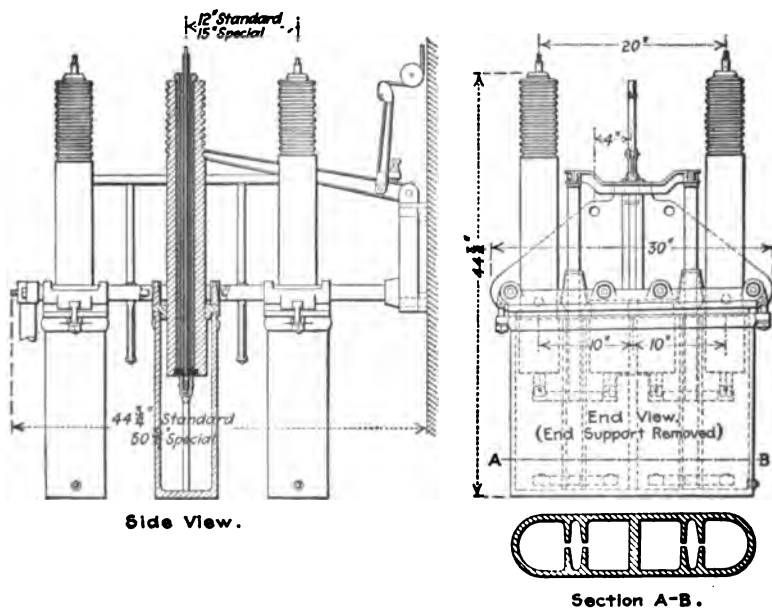


FIG. 116.—Type H oil switch cable control for 60,000 volts.

can be opened automatically or non-automatically. The fiber sleeves carrying the contacts are high and quite thick.

The Pacific Electric and Manufacturing Company produces an oil switch for high tension in which each pole pair is actuated by a double contact arm revolving about a vertical axis. Fig. 117 shows a section and outline of one of these switches for 60,000 volts.

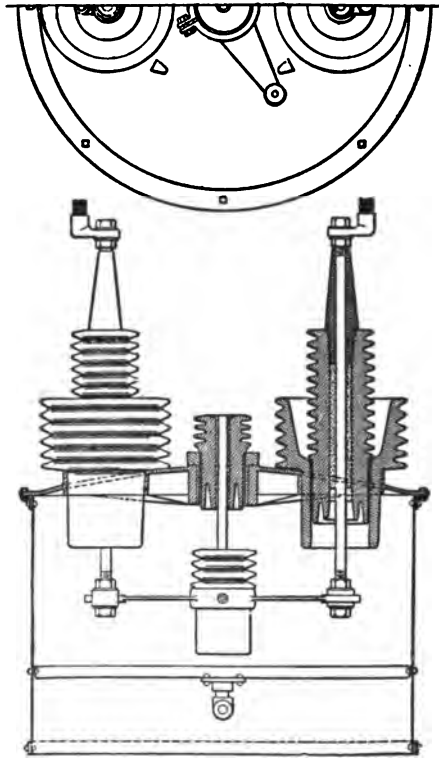


FIG. 117.—Oil switch.

The contact arm is mounted on a bushing on the lower end of a vertical operating rod. The outer ends of the contact arm connect with the poles which are joined to the circuit leads. Two or three of these switches may be manually operated as two or three-pole switches. If the angle of rotation of the arms is made 90° , an extra long interruption of phases is obtained.

The oil used with oil switches must be of good quality, forming no sediment. This is of particular importance in the H₃ type where the terminals are on the bottom of the tank. It should be possible

to fill the tank without taking the switch apart, or disconnecting it from service. It is, however, advisable to fill the tank when the apparatus is not in use on account of the danger incurred in handling a live switch. In order that repairs may be undertaken provision must be made to disconnect the switch from all live parts. This is usually provided for by a disconnecting switch between the oil switch and the line. All live parts, such as studs, cable terminals, or copper rods projecting from the vessel must be wound with good insulation, or must be screened in order to obviate the dangers due to touching, fire, and short-circuit. The cells should have fireproof doors.

CHAPTER XVI

RELAYS

IN large plants with expensive apparatus and where the service is continuous, it is necessary to protect the apparatus and machines by making provision for automatic current interruption. Such provision is also necessary to protect stations or a series of sub-stations against serious shut-downs. The desired result is attained by equipping the apparatus, like oil switches, with tripping mechanisms which are actuated by relays at certain critical moments. The relay itself is operated by the current which it is to interrupt, while the solenoids of tripping devices are energized from the secondary windings of series or shunt transformers, which are on the main circuit or from an independent source. They are adjusted to a predetermined condition of operation. Their action is the opposite of that of telegraph relays. With the latter, a strong current is required to operate the receiving apparatus, while the former open their switches with a relatively weak current, as it would be difficult, if not impossible, to operate the relays directly with the main current when this current assumes large proportions. A classification of relays may be made on the basis of current influence and kind of action:

Current Influences	Action Time Element
1. A.c. overload relay	{ Instantaneous
	{ Definite time-limit
	{ Inverse time-limit
2. a. A.c. reverse current relay	{ Instantaneous
b. A.c. reverse current selective relay ..	{ Inverse time-limit
c. A.c. reverse current differential relay	{ Instantaneous
3. A.c. reverse-phase relay	{
4. A.c. underload relay	
5. A.c. low voltage relay	
6. A.c. over-voltage relay	
	{ Instantaneous
7. D.c. overload relay	{ Instantaneous
	{ Inverse time-limit
8. D.c. underload relay	{ Instantaneous
	{ Instantaneous
9. D.c. reverse current relay	{ Inverse time-limit

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| 10. D.c. low-voltage relay | } | Instantaneous |
| 11. D.c. over-voltage relay | | |
| 12. D.c. differential (3 wire) relay | | |
| 13. D.c. solenoid control relay | | |
| 14. Auxiliary relay (bell alarm, station signal, time-limit. . | { | Instantaneous |
| | | Definite time-limit |

1. An overload relay, as the name indicates, serves to protect the line apparatus, or machines, against a load in excess of a given maximum. Such relays are made to act instantaneously at the points of energy consumption, especially when fire risk is great, in feeders which will deliver an excessive current under short-circuit or overload. In this case, an instantaneous interruption is preferable to a momentary disturbance, and this action at the place of consumption relieves the other time-limit or inverse-time-limit relays. Instantaneous overload relays are often used to prevent the current from exceeding the maximum current rating of instruments. A time-limit relay maintains the service of the line in which it is connected, without regard to any danger, for a certain limited period. A device of this kind allows all the less important lines to be cut out by the instantaneous or inverse time-limit relays before it itself interrupts the main circuit. When the main current is interrupted it shows that the cause of interruption was not momentary or subject to recovery after a short time, such as strong currents caused by load variations or a burning out short-circuit, and that the cutting out of the less important lines has not sufficiently relieved the main circuit. Synchronous converters are protected on the a.c. side by inserting time-limit relays on the high-tension side of the transformers. It is recommended by some engineers to insert them in the feeders on the sub-station side, their action being made independent of the current direction. A special type of relay is that mentioned above, which the time before action is inversely proportional to the amount of overload, so that the greater the overload the quicker will be the action of the relay, being instantaneous at short-circuit. This relay may be adjusted for time variation from $1/2$ second to about 30 seconds, delay depending on the time setting and the magnitude of the overload current.

Fig. 118 is the ampere-time curve taken from a paper by G. F. Chellis,¹ for a bellows-type overload relay. This curve was obtained by adjusting the device to operate with 5 amp. in 10 seconds. The current was then increased step by step, and the times for the

¹ G. F. Chellis, "Time-Limit Relays," *Pr. A. I. E. E.*, May 16, 1905.

relay to operate were noted. This type of device has the advantage of disconnecting the feeders consecutively, so that the feeder nearest the source of disturbance receiving the greatest amount of current disconnects first, thus relieving the other feeders and relays. If the relief is not sufficient, the next relay disconnects, etc. Another method of securing consecutive operation is obtained by adjusting the definite time-limit relays to different time elements, in such a way that the farther a relay is from the source of power, the shorter is the predetermined time element. Fig. 119 shows the adjustment of overload, inverse time-limit relays between the power station of

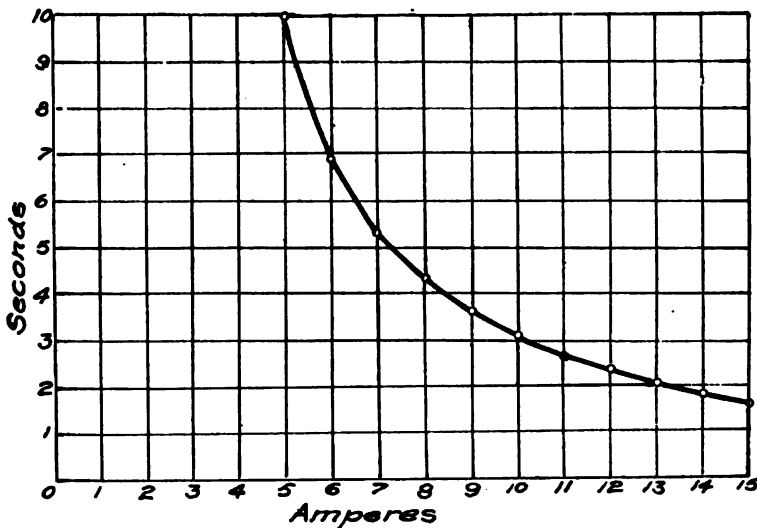


FIG. 118.—Ampere-time curve for Bellois-type overload relay.

the N. Y. Edison Co., Waterside No. 1, high-tension busbar and the sub-station direct-current busbar. According to Chief Engineer Mr. Philip Torchio, the adjustment is as follows: Non-automatic oil switches are employed for the generators, as reliance is put upon the attendant to disconnect the generators by hand operation of the oil switches, whenever he finds it necessary to do so. To guide him, an overload relay, operating signal lamps, is mounted on each generator. This relay is without time limit. On each high-tension feeder in the generating station is mounted an overload relay with a variable time limit in inverse proportion to the value of current. Curve No. 1 shows the characteristic curve of this type of relay, the periods at which it is adjusted, and its relation in time

and load to other similar relays at the sub-station end of the feeder. The feeder switch in the sub-station is automatic and is controlled by a relay similar to the one at the Waterside end of the feeder. The adjustment is shown in curve 2. The high-tension side of the synchronous converters is equipped with a relay of the same kind as previously discussed, the calibration being shown in curve 3. The d.c. side of the synchronous converter is equipped with a reverse-current, inverse time-element, direct-current relay, the adjustment

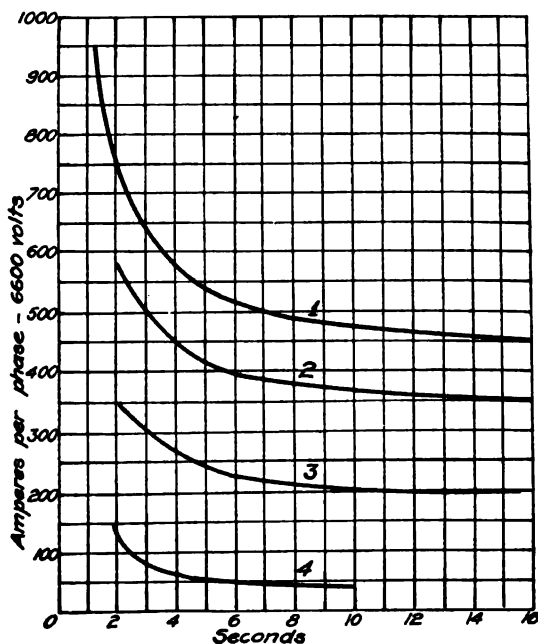


FIG. 119.—Relative adjustment of overload inverse time-limit relays between Waterside No. 1 high-tension busbars and substation direct-current busbars.

of which is shown in curve 4, which is figured on the basis of primary amperes for the purpose of comparison with the curves above it. The consecutive operation of the relays is plainly evident from a comparison of the four curves.

2. A reverse-current relay is one which acts on reversal of energy flow. It consists of two windings, in series and shunt with the line, respectively, so that one depends on the current, and the other on the voltage of the line. Under normal conditions of the line only the difference in the magnetomotive force of the windings acts. On reversal of energy, however, the sum of the m.m.f. of the two

windings comes into action, and the relay operates the switch. The ideal device of this type should possess the following characteristics. It should operate on overload at normal pressure, on short-circuit at zero or reduced pressure, or when the direction of the flow of energy is reversed.

It should have the additional feature of an inverse time element action so as to exercise a selective influence and trip out the circuit in trouble without interrupting those circuits which are not affected, and also to prevent interruption of service due to the flow of synchronizing currents between machines or to overload currents due to temporary grounds or short-circuits.

As a matter of fact it meets only some of the above conditions, and these only to a certain degree. The application of such relays therefore becomes limited. They are used here and there for the operation of generator oil switches to protect against damage due to reversal of power when accidents happen to generators or prime movers or through mistakes in synchronizing, or they are used at the sub-station ends of feeders, but they are not reliable. The disadvantage is that, being dependent upon the e.m.f. supplied from the line, a condition will arise at a time of severe short-circuits when the e.m.f. will drop to a very low value, in which case the relay will lose its reverse feature and operate as an overload relay with a high setting. This brings about the action of all overload relays on parallel circuits, causing a shut-down. This disadvantage was sufficient to cause the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, of New York City, to replace their instantaneous "differential" relays in the sub-stations of the Manhattan Division by straight overload time-limit relays. In other cases inverse time-limit relays have been recommended to take their place.

In systems where a number of power houses feed a common high-tension underground network of feeders, or where the sub-stations are interconnected by means of an underground ring network a protective arrangement called the differential or Merz-Price system is applied. In this arrangement a differential relay with a corresponding oil switch is used at each end of each cable. A series transformer is inserted in each phase on both ends of the cable. The secondaries of the transformers on both sides of the cable are so interconnected by means of an auxiliary cable that no current flows through this auxiliary cable as long as the main cable remains intact. As soon as a short-circuit occurs on the main cable, current flows in the auxiliary line and energizes the differential relays built in the line.

The relays actuate the corresponding oil switches to cut out the faulty cable on both ends at the same moment.

In plants in which two or more banks of transformers are operated in parallel between high and low-voltage busses, it is desirable that each transformer bank have an automatic oil-switch equipment which will act selectively and disconnect only the banks in which trouble may occur. With an oil switch on each side of each transformer bank, selective action may be secured by means of an instantaneous differential relay connected to the secondaries of series transformers installed on both the high and low-voltage sides of each transformer bank, as described before in connection with the Merz-Price system.

The relay has to operate instantly on a low-current reversal on either side of the bank.

It is recommended that there should be used for installations with only two outgoing lines in parallel and having the same load conditions in both lines, a selective reverse current relay acting instantaneously under short-circuit conditions, thus obtaining a selective tripping of the oil switches. This relay is similar to the previously mentioned reverse-current relay and is connected to the secondaries of series transformers in each high-voltage line and potential transformers in the low-voltage bus.

3. Reverse-phase relays are used to open motor switches not properly connected. They are useful for the protection of elevator motors or in any case where change of phase rotation is objectionable.

4. The object of the underload relay is to throw out one or more machines for load values under an economic load-factor, at which the remaining machines can run economically.

Underload relays are often used to trip the automatic oil switch that is placed in the primary of arc lighting circuits to prevent an abnormal-rise of secondary voltage in case of a breakdown in the secondary circuit. This relay acts on a decrease of current.

5. Low-voltage relays are used for motor switches, to insure proper connections in starting. They close the tripping circuit of the oil switch whenever the voltage decreases to approximately 50 per cent. below normal. Low-voltage relays are often used with motor-booster sets to prevent the disastrous booster speed of the booster which might result from the loss of a.c. power.

6. Over-voltage relays are applied in connection with storage batteries. They are also used sometimes to protect induction motors against injury from high-voltage conditions.

7. The d.c. overload relays are employed when several circuits are controlled by one shunt trip or overload and shunt trip carbon break circuit breaker. Each relay is selected to suit its particular circuit and any relay will trip the main breaker. These relays are built in in the main circuit.

8. The d.c. underload relay closes the secondary tripping circuit at 25 per cent. of the normal rated load.

9. Automatic d.c. circuit breakers are often equipped with a reverse-current relay inserted directly on the circuit breaker or in the feeders. Its object is to prevent the synchronous converter from running away when its field circuit is opened, in which case it is used in connection with a speed limit device. It is advisable to have the relays independently energized by a battery or exciter for, under short-circuit or overload, it may occur that the relay refuses to act on account of the low voltage. These relays are especially adapted to protection against current reversal in an installation where the line is fed by storage batteries and converters.

When synchronizing machines to a system operating rotary converters, momentary and harmless corrective currents are liable to flow toward the rotaries on the d.c. side. In order to prevent interruption of the circuit by such flow, where reverse-current relays are present, it is necessary that the latter have a time element. This element may be of the inverse order to give quick interruption on overloads and short-circuits and to give a selective action so as to cut off affected areas.

The d.c. reverse current relay may also be used to protect generators, storage batteries or main station busses from damage on reversal of current due to short-circuits, or from the grounding of machines or connections.

In general, it is built as a horseshoe magnet frame with a shunt-wound armature pivoted between its poles. The magnet is mounted on the current-carrying stud of the circuit breaker and is excited by the current flowing through the stud, and the armature is connected across the line in series with suitable resistance.

Rotation of the armature in the normal direction is prevented by a stop. Reversal of the current flowing through the stud changes the direction in which the armature tends to rotate, thereby causing it to move away from the stop, close the circuit through an auxiliary trip coil and trip the circuit breaker.

.10 Low-voltage relays for direct current are similar to the same

type for alternating current. They release at approximately one-half rated voltage.

11. Over-voltage relays are similar in construction to a.c. overload relays and may be applied when automatic protection against high voltage is desired.

12. In many power plants d.c. three-wire, power service is furnished by high-voltage two-wire generators operating in connection with balancer sets consisting of two low-voltage machines on a common shaft. With this combination of machines a short-circuit or heavy overload on one side of the system will shift the neutral considerably, and the lamps on the opposite side may burn out. To protect the lamps, a differential relay which operated on 15 volts unbalancing, is commonly recommended. This relay is connected to trip either the generator circuit breaker or a circuit breaker connected in the bus between the balancer set and the other generators. (See also Chapter VI, case 3.)

13. Solenoids for operating large oil switches, circuit breakers, field switches, etc., frequently require large operating currents in the closing coils. This necessitates the use of relatively heavy leads between the control switch and the solenoid. Severe arcing at the control switch may therefore be caused. The use of a control relay eliminates these objectionable features.

14. To auxiliary relays we may add the time-limit relay which is used with an instantaneous overload relay or reverse-current relay to introduce a definite time element between the occurrence of overload or reverse current and the opening of the circuit. This relay is operated by the d.c. auxiliary circuit.

A relay switch is introduced when the current required to open an oil switch is greater than the current-carrying capacity of the primary relay used. This relay switch has ample carrying capacity and is energized from a d.c. circuit.

A bell relay indicates when an oil switch has operated by energizing a gong circuit and maintaining that circuit until the same is opened by the switchboard attendant. It does not operate, however, when the oil switch is opened intentionally either by hand or by electrical remote control as the windings of this relay are in series with the automatic trip circuit. Many large power companies require more or less elaborate signaling systems between the switchboard and the engines. Sometimes lamps are used for the different signals and bells or whistles are added to call the attention of the operator to the fact that signals are being made.

In regard to the action of a.c. relays, they may either close a d.c. auxiliary circuit for energizing the trip coils, or they may open an a.c. auxiliary circuit which under normal condition is kept short-circuited by the relay. In the first case the auxiliary d.c. is independent of the main current, its source being a battery, exciter, or d.c. generator, of 125-250 volts. In the second the current is

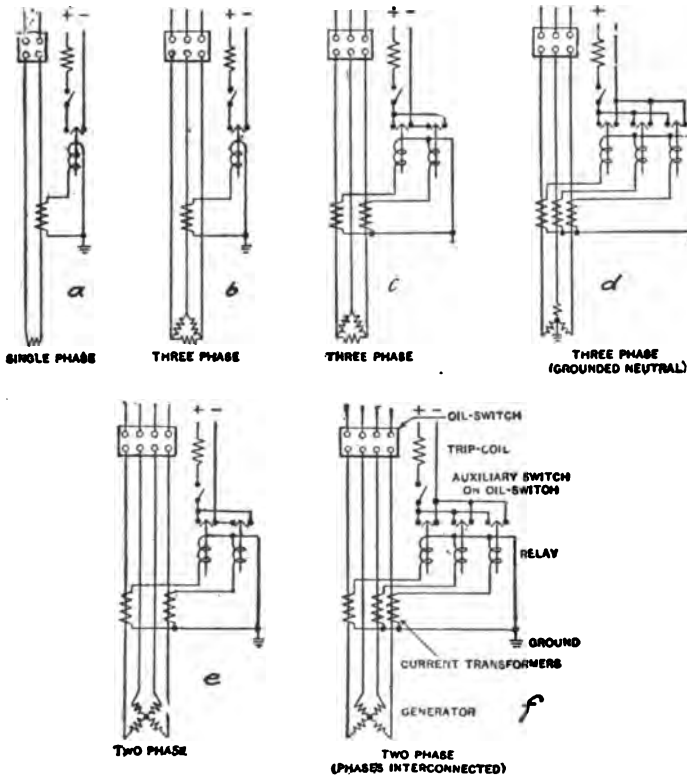


FIG. 120.—Connections of oil switches with trip coils operating on direct-current circuit using circuit-closing relays.

supplied by the secondary winding of a series or potential transformer, inserted in the main line which at the same time operates the relay.

In Fig. 120 there are shown the connections of oil switches with trip coils operating on a d.c. circuit using circuit-closing relays. The number of poles corresponds to the number of transformers in the line, which is in turn dependent upon the number of phases of the

system, upon the balanced condition of the load, and upon the kind of armature winding connections (with or without grounded neutral), as has already been mentioned under Fig. 86. Fig. 121 is the same as the corresponding diagram of Fig. 86 with the exception of the relay installation, which under normal conditions keeps

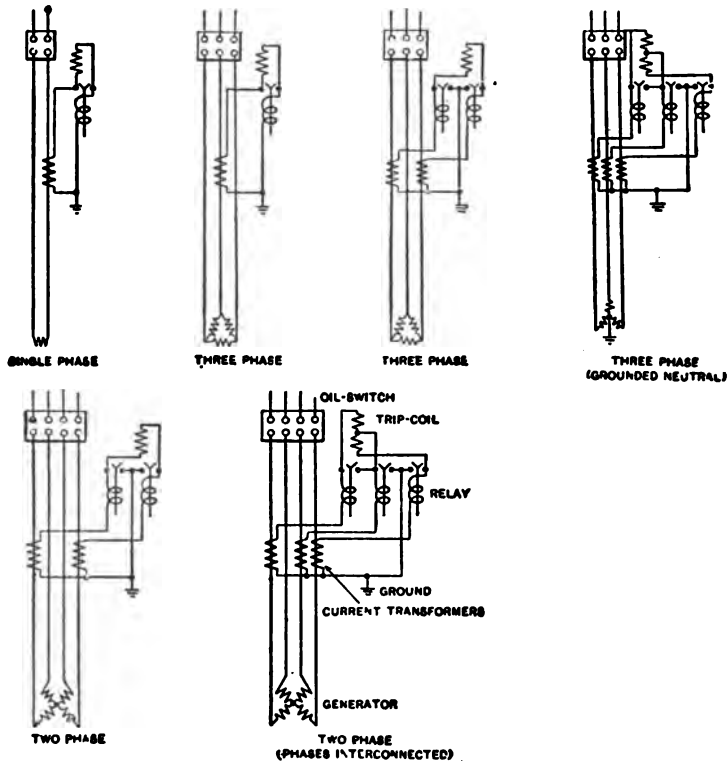


FIG. 121.—Connections of oil switches with trip coils operating from series transformers through circuit opening relays.

the secondary transformer winding short-circuited, opening the short-circuit only at overload when it excites the trip coil.

Figs. 120 and 121 show the switching arrangements of automatic oil switches operated manually.

Single-pole relays are generally used on single-phase and on balanced three-phase circuits. Double-pole relays may be used on ungrounded three-phase and on quarter-phase. Triple-pole relays are sometimes applied on three-phase grounded neutral and interconnected quarter-phase.

Polyphase maximum relays operated by the current in two or three of the phases should, however, be used as seldom as possible and instead single-phase relays connected entirely separately in two or three of the phases on three- or four-wire system respectively should be used. With the former very large dangerous overloads can continue to exist in any one phase without causing the relay to operate and open the circuit. The same objections apply to polyphase reverse current relays.

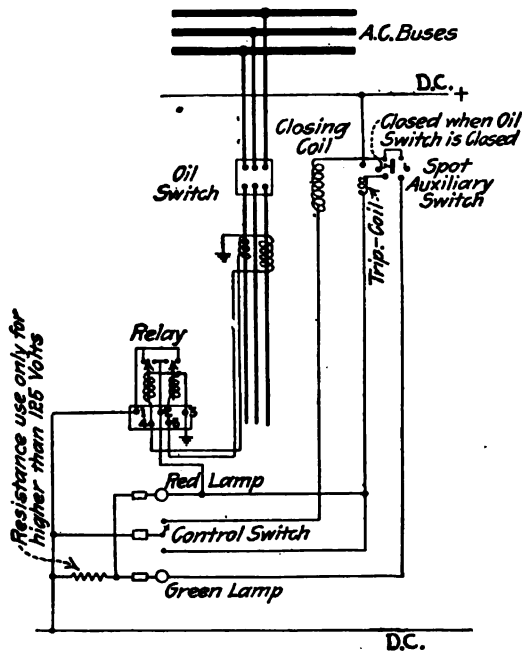


FIG. 122.—Connection of controlling circuit for solenoid operated oil switches.

One of the wrong connections often met is that where the so-called "resultant scheme" of relay connection is in use, namely: One single-phase relay connected to two series transformers so that current in the relay is the vectorial resultant of the current in each of the phases in which the series transformers are situated, assuming a three-wire three-phase system. Assume the normal full load secondary current of the transformer to be 10 amp. and that the relay be set to operate at 200 per cent. of full load current, that is, it will operate at 34.6 amp. If overload should occur on both phases connected through the transformers to the relays and the phase dis-

placement in each phase is the same, then the circuit is opened when there is 20 amp. secondary current in each phase. Should, however, an overload occur in one of the phases the phase displacement will probably not be the same in each phase. If the angle of lag in each phase is equal and only one of them is overloaded, it will require 282 per cent. full load current in the single overloaded phase to cause operation of the switch. Should the current in the single overloaded phase lag 60° more than the other phase, then the current in this overloaded phase must increase to 386 per cent. of full load current be-

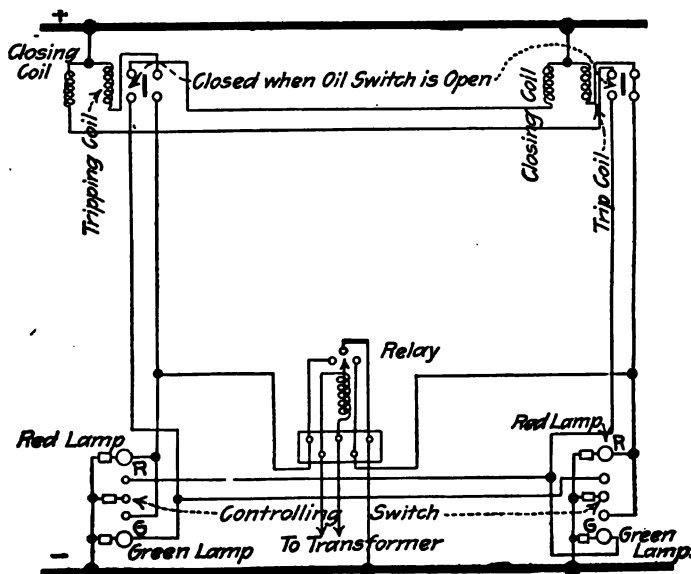


FIG. 123.—Connection of two interlocked solenoid operated oil switches.

fore the relay actuates the switch. The protection therefore is quite uncertain. Similar conditions may occur in a four-wire three-phase system when three series transformers with only two single-phase relays are used. It is quite possible for one phase to be overloaded, since it has a large return path through the fourth wire. If this overload has a large phase displacement relative to the currents in other phases, then the condition may arise of very large overloads in the one phase and the switch not opening, consequently the same number of single-phase relays as series transformers should be used, with four wires three transformers and three relays, and with three wires, two transformers and two relays.

The diagram for a relay with a solenoid-operated oil switch is given in Fig. 122. The two small auxiliary switches of Fig. 96 are replaced by a single one, which closes the *a* side when the switch is closed and the *b* side when it is open. At overload the relay closes the d.c. circuit for the smaller solenoid, which opens the switch. A relay could also be inserted in Fig. 96 by connecting terminal 1

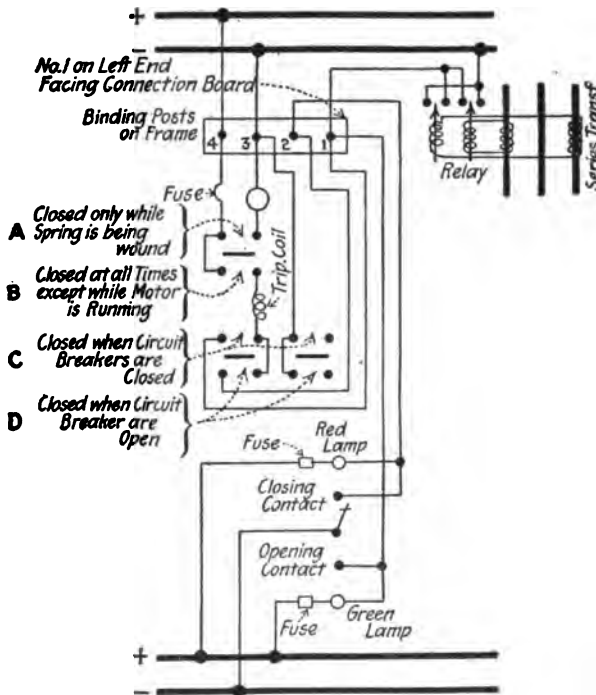


FIG. 124.—Internal wiring for motor operated switch mechanism.

of the relay to any point between the red lamp terminals and switch 2, and terminal 2 of the relay to the negative side of the d.c. source.

Fig. 123 is a diagram for a single-pole relay with two electrically interlocked solenoid-operated oil switches. Fig. 124 shows the connections of a d.c. motor with a relay for the H₃ and H₄ oil switches. These switches are opened by a spring released by a trip coil, which is connected to the circuit by the controlling switch on the board, or which may be excited automatically by the relay.

Fig. 125 shows a three-pole circuit-opening reverse-current relay which opens the short-circuited secondary winding of the series

transformer at the moment of current reversal, and admits current to the trip coil. P_1 , P_2 , and P_3 are connected to the secondary windings of shunt transformers, C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 to the secondary windings of series transformers and A_1 and A_2 to the trip coil.

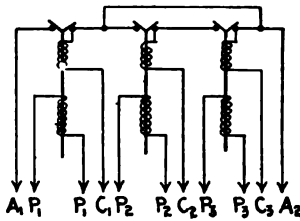


FIG. 125.—Three-pole circuit opening relay.

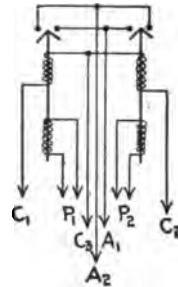


FIG. 126.—Two-pole circuit closing relay.

Fig. 126 is a wiring diagram for a double-pole circuit-closing reverse-current relay with a separate d.c. source for the trip coil. The connections of A, C, and P are the same as those in Fig. 125. A d.c. differential relay is shown in Fig. 127.

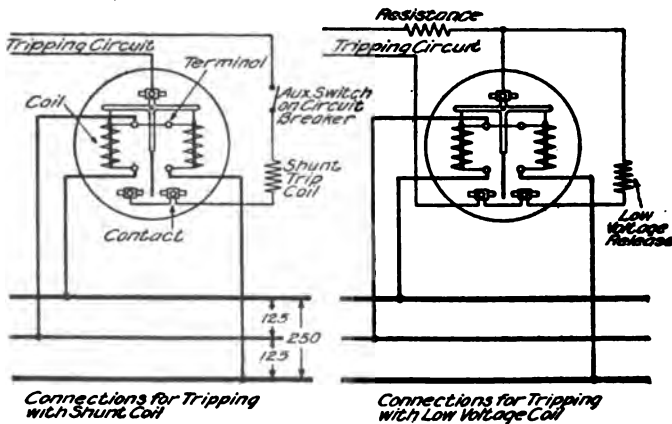


FIG. 127.—Direct-current differential relays.

Mr. M. C. Ripinski in the *Electrical World* for November 2, 1907, gives the following diagram for the connection of relays for a three-phase system. Three generators with Y armature windings and neutrals grounded through resistances, supply a set of busbars from which four feeders lead to the sub-station, each two feeders

supplying one set of sub-station busbars. One set of busbars supplies a low-tension set of busbars, through step-down transformers, which in turn supply a.c. feeders. The current from the other busbar set feeds converters through transformer sets which deliver d.c. for power distribution. See Fig. 128.

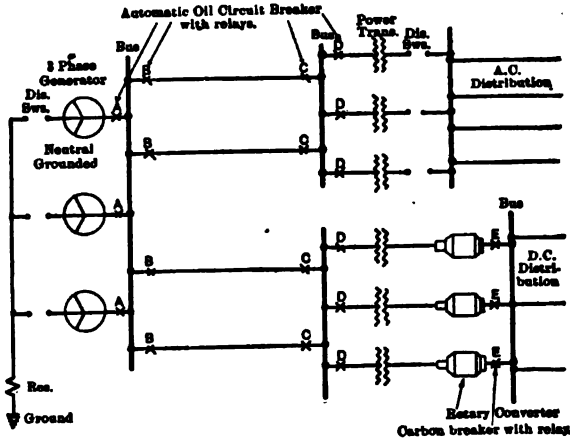


FIG. 128.—Relays in a four-wire three-phase system. A and C, alternating-current overload reverse power inverse time-limit relays; B and D, alternating-current overload inverse time-limit relays; E, direct-current reverse power inverse time-limit relays.

Overload, reverse power inverse time-limit relays operate at the moment of overload or short-circuit for the normal direction of energy flow. In case of reversal of energy in a feeder this relay operates as a reverse-current relay for a current strength from one-third to one-eighth of the overload current for which it is set. Let

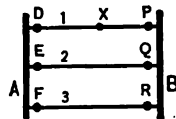


FIG. 129.—Connection of relays for a three-phase system.

us consider three feeders leading from central station A to sub-station B. (See Fig. 129.) In case of short-circuit at point X, there will be more current through switch D than through E or F, because the short-circuit is nearest to D. Therefore, the overload current will open this switch by means of its overload relay. At the same in-

stant, however, there is a rush of current from the sub-station toward X, which operates the reverse-current relay P, and opens its corresponding switch. In Q and R, and also in E and F, very large currents exist in the normal direction, but D and P are opened more quickly because of the still greater current through D, and the action of the reverse current through P, which suffices to open P at one-third the value of the overload current. This action relieves the other relays quickly enough to prevent their being opened. In this case the devices act as inverse time-limit relays.

Another illustration is that described by Mr. George F. Chellis in his paper on time-limit relays referred to above. In Fig. 130 we have a three-phase generator supplying energy to four outgoing feeders which feed four synchronous converters in the sub-station. In the sub-station the a.c. busbars are equipped with bus-sectionalizing switches, so that eventually the machines and feeders can be worked as independent units. The generator oil switch is automatic and is operated by means of a differential relay. "Should a short-circuit occur at the point X on the B feeder there would be a rush of current from the power-house busbar, and also from the sub-station busbar to the point X. In A, C, and D the current would be increased, due to the short-circuit being fed by these feeders through the sub-station busbar. Since a synchronous converter generates an a.c. electromotive force corresponding to rated pressure at synchronous speed, in case the point X is near the power house, it is possible that the direction of the flow of energy in feeders A, C, and D would be reversed due to the synchronous converters feeding the short-circuit back to the power-house busbar as well as directly over the short-circuited feeder." For this reason the switches on the sub-station side of the feeders should be protected by an instantaneous reverse-current relay, while the power house should be guarded by an overload time-limit relay. Since, as has already been mentioned, the reverse-current relays are dependent upon the pressure of the system, they would become practically inoperative at zero or low pressure which exists at the moment of short-circuit. They therefore lose their reverse action and become worthless at the very instant when they are most necessary.

Since the relative value of the time element of relays is determined by the various conditions of service and load, it is impossible to formulate any empirical rules applicable to all cases. The choice of the proper device is left to the judgment of the engineer, who must take into consideration the reliability of the various types available.

In some instances the relays are used simply to operate tell-tales or signal lamps, by which the attention of the operator is called to the action of the corresponding switches or other apparatus.

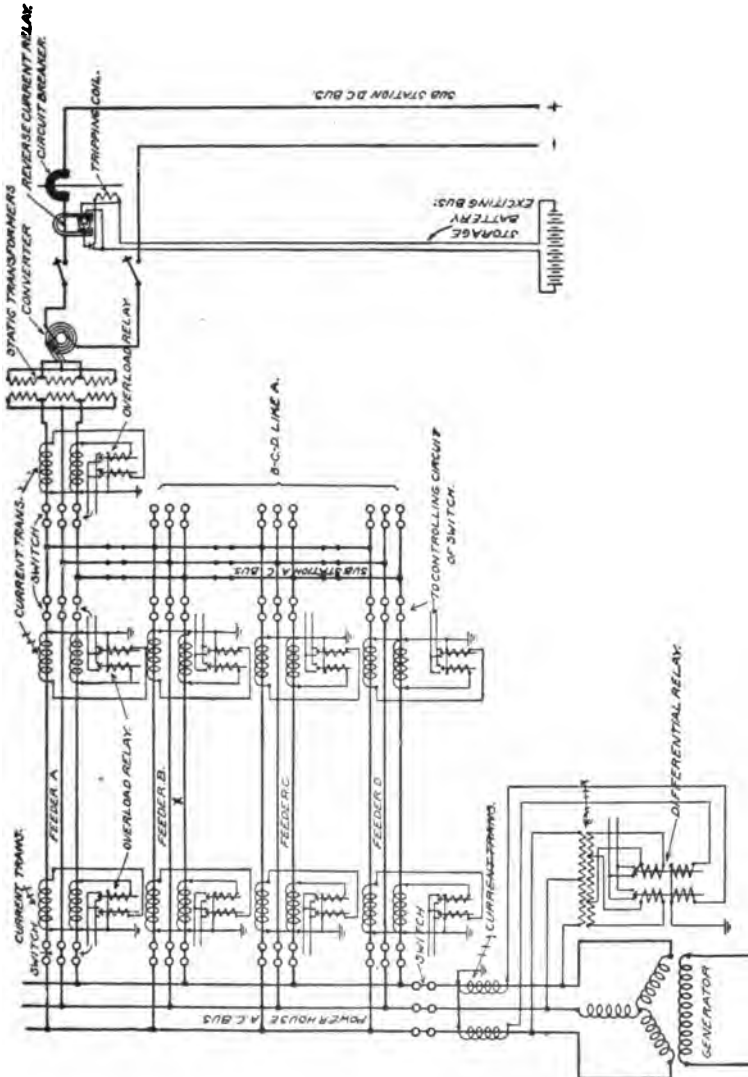


FIG. 130.—Typical layout for three-phase system showing location of relays.

A relay consists of a mechanism operated by a solenoid which is excited directly or indirectly by the current of the line to be guarded. The mechanism carries a set of contacts which open or close a

corresponding set of fixed contacts as the case may be. A relay adjusted to a certain time element possesses a special mechanism to accomplish this adjustment. The exciting mechanism generally consists of a solenoid with a core, while in other cases it is a movable armature winding similar to that on a motor or it may be constructed as a wattmeter. Still others are operated by clockwork. There

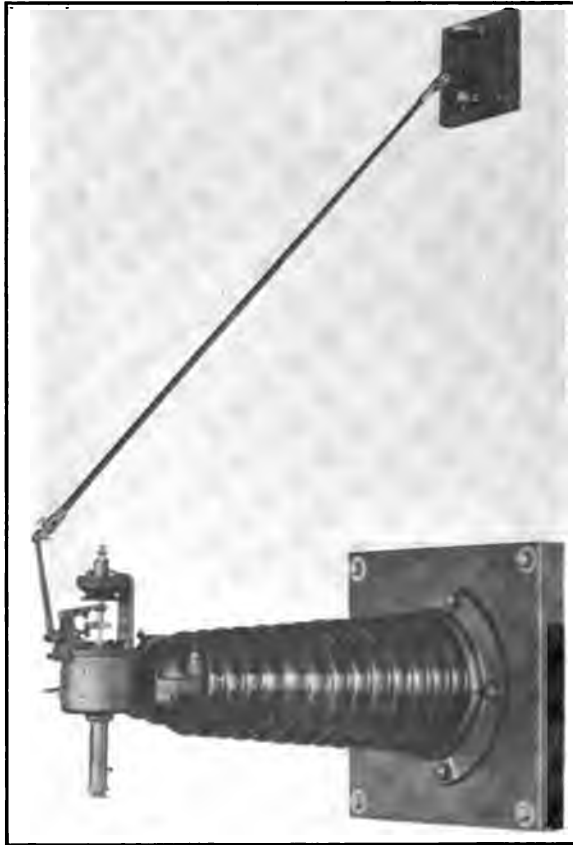


FIG. 131.—High-tension series overload relay.

are two pairs of metal contacts, one movable and the other fixed. The fixed contacts are either in shunt with the operating current, being closed under normal conditions, as in the case with an a.c. excited trip coil, or they are in series with the operating current, being open under normal conditions, as is the case with a trip coil excited from an independent d.c. source. The fixed contacts are bridged by the movable set.

Series relays are connected directly in series with the line and are used chiefly with high-tension oil switches for overload protection. By means of a specially treated wooden rod the relay operates a tripping switch, closing a separate tripping circuit. Fig. 131 shows the arrangement of a high-tension series overload relay.

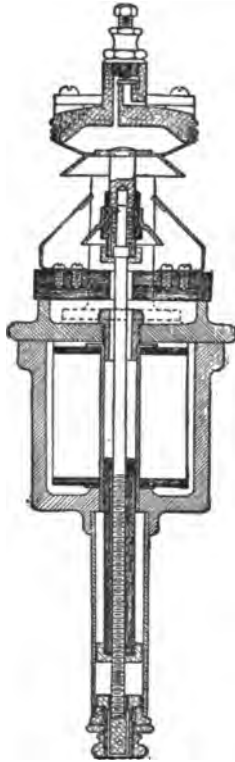


FIG. 132.—Time-limit overload relay.

Fig. 132 is a section through a single-pole time-limit overload circuit-closing relay, as made by the General Electric Company. The bellows on top are used to adjust the time element, by regulating with small set-screws the air passage from the bellows through a small channel, at the moment of the upward motion of the solenoid core. By combining two or three single-pole relays we may obtain a double or triple-pole apparatus. Instantaneous relays are similarly constructed with omission of the bellows. An arrangement of oil switches with various types of relays for a large power station is given in Fig. 133.

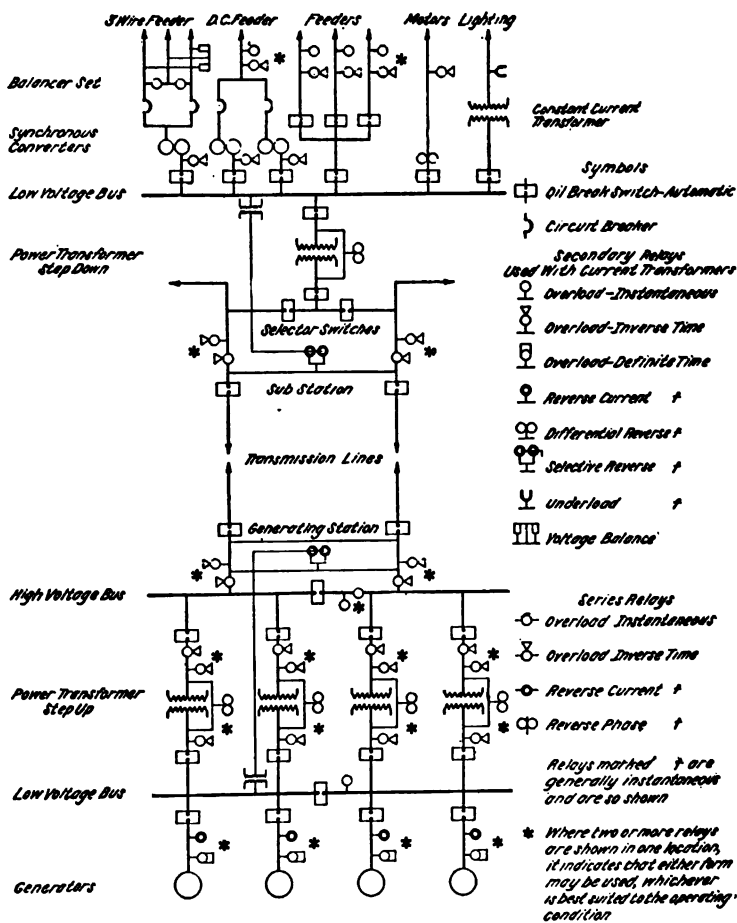


FIG. 133.—Typical system of connection for a large power house.

CHAPTER XVII

POTENTIAL REGULATORS

A **POTENTIAL** regulator is a device intended to maintain a constant e.m.f. of the generators or feeders, independently of load and without disturbing the e.m.f. of other parts of the system. Two kinds of regulators are to be distinguished, the Tirrill and Thury regulators which maintain a constant e.m.f. of the generators, and the feeder regulators which maintain a constant feeder e.m.f.

TIRRILL REGULATORS

This apparatus regulates the e.m.f. of the generator by varying the field strength with the load. There are two types, of which the first regulates the voltage of shunt and compound-wound machines, while the second regulates the pressure of machines requiring a separate exciter, the latter being applicable to both d.c. and a.c. machines. In the alternating-current systems the Tirrill regulator may also be used to regulate the power factor of the transmission line. Fig. 134 shows the elementary connections of a regulator (type T. D.), for a compound-wound machine. The regulation is accomplished by automatically throwing the field rheostat on or off the circuit. This eliminates the variations in the machine voltage due to variations in load by decreasing or increasing the field strength. The mechanism consists of a main control magnet energized by current from the main busbars, or from the center of distribution. In the first case it is desired to regulate the voltage on the busbars, while in the second case such regulation depends upon a given value of the pressure at the load center, whence we have direct or indirect voltage regulation. The magnet actuates a lever carrying a contact stud at its free end, opposite to a fixed contact. A spring opposes the action of the magnet which is adjusted so that at the required voltage the lever will vibrate under the action of both magnet and spring. This vibration of the lever opens and closes he-main contacts, which causes an opening and closing of a part of relay contacts, of a differential relay. The relay consists of two equivalent windings, wound opposed to each other, both being in

shunt with the main current, but one being energized permanently, and the other only at the closing of the main contacts. When the main contacts are open, there is current through only one of the relay windings, the relay is magnetized, attracts an armature, and opens the relay contacts. With the closing of the main contacts, there is also current through the second relay winding, and since the windings are opposed to each other the relay becomes demagnetized and the armature closes the contacts under action of the spring. The effect

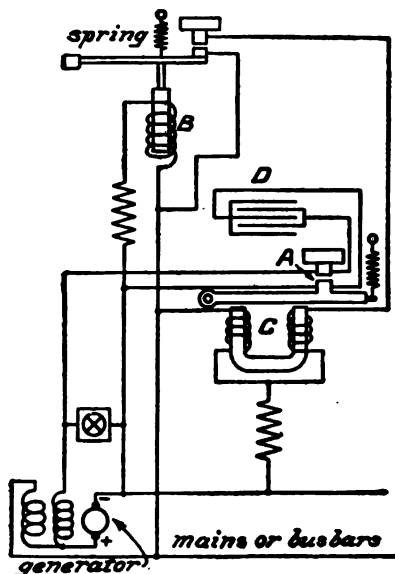


FIG. 134.—Diagram of connection of a Tirrill regulator for direct current.

of opening and closing of the relay contacts causes the field rheostat to be thrown on or off, the time element of action for either closing or opening being dependent from the momentary fall or rise of the pressure on the busbar or feeder as the case may be. In order to prevent arcing between the contacts, these are connected to a condenser set.

Fig. 135 is a wiring diagram for a Tirrill regulator connected to two generators in parallel, which supply a three-feeder system. The size of the control resistance in the magnetic circuit is varied according to the required voltage. If a 125-volt generator, for instance, is to generate 110 volts, binding post No. 14 on the resistance box is joined to binding post No. 1 on the regulator. Tables made

for each regulator give the binding posts to be used for the required voltage. An adjustment of the spring opposing the magnet must be made for the required voltage, so that when this pressure is reached the main contacts will vibrate properly. If the voltage at the load center or busbar drops, due to increase in load, the spring overcomes the magnetic pull and closes the main contacts, which results in demagnetizing the relay and closing the relay contacts that short-circuit the field resistance. The voltage is then allowed to rise until normal conditions again prevail. These fluctuations are quite rapid, so that as a matter of fact the voltage is kept at a constant value.

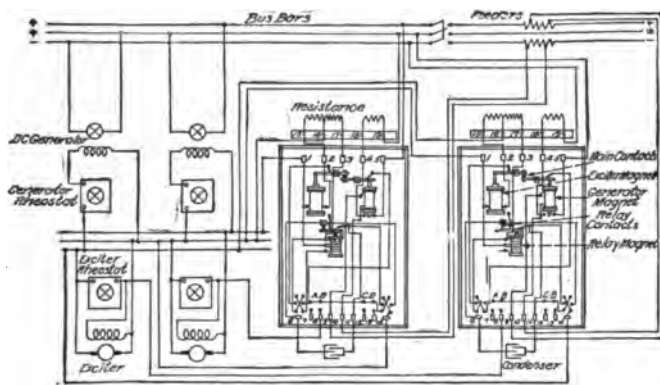


FIG. 135.—Connection of Tirrill regulators for three-wire system for direct current.

Tirrill regulator (type T. A.), for regulating the voltage of separately excited machines, is similar in operation to type T. D. in that it regulates the impressed exciter voltage with fluctuations of the load. The variation of the exciter current is made with constant field resistance by short-circuiting the a.c. field rheostat, so that the impressed exciter voltage is at all times the same as the voltage across the terminals of the exciter itself. The regulator therefore influences the generator field indirectly, and the shunt field of the exciter directly, the last similar to the action of type T. D. on the generator field. A further similarity between this type and type T. D. is that it throws the shunt rheostat of the exciter on or off, by means of a main control magnet, main contacts, differential relay, and relay contacts. The two types differ in that the second main contact piece, instead of being fixed as before, is

fastened in the T. A. type to a lever actuated from a.c. solenoid core. Two windings, one a potential and the other a current winding, make up the a.c. magnet, which receives current from transformers joined to the busbars or feeders. See Fig. 136. With d.c. generators the transformers are of course omitted, the potential windings being connected directly to the busbars or load center, while the current winding is joined to the line through a resistance. Current is supplied to the main magnet by the exciter, and the magnet works on a lever on whose further arm one of the main contacts is fixed. Four springs, fastened to different points of the lever on the side of the main contact, oppose the action of the magnet. They come into action consecutively according to the posi-

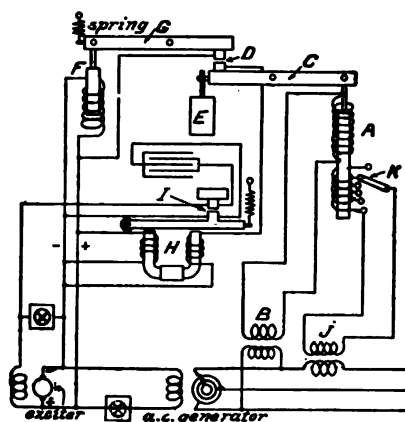


FIG. 136.—Diagram of connection of a Tirrill regulator for alternating current.

tion of the lever, that is, according to the value of the exciter voltage.

The adjustment and action of the springs and magnet is such that the rise of the contact piece is directly proportional to the change in the exciter voltage. Since the latter is in fact a fluctuating e.m.f. due to the variation of load on the generator, the lever with the main contact is set vibrating under this influence. The maximum amplitude of vibration is $1/16$ inch. The position of the upper contact is, therefore, determined by the exciter voltage. The winding of the a.c. magnet is supplied with a current whose value is at all times proportional to the generator voltage. The solenoid pulls the laminated core upward. This core is attached to a lever on whose outer arm a counterweight is applied, and the second stud of

the main contact pair is also fastened on this end. The motion of the core is damped by an oil brake.

For a given generator voltage the position of the second contact is determined by the position of the core in the solenoid and the size of the counterweight. Since a different electromotive force is applied for each different position of the core in the solenoid, under the same generator voltage, a position of the core is chosen which will call the maximum electromotive force into action at the moment when the contacts are closed. The upper contact is kept in position by the exciter voltage which corresponds under normal conditions to the required generator voltage. The counterweight is so chosen that it will exactly balance the weight of the core and the electromagnetic pull on the core at the moment the contacts are closed. The sum of the moments acting on the lever must be zero for the required generator voltage, so that the system is in equilibrium. As soon as the lever is changed from this position, the electromagnetic pull acting on the core is changed. It, in fact, becomes less, so that the moment due to the weight of the core predominates in all other positions of the core. The lever, therefore, is in unstable equilibrium for the voltage in question. If the load on the generator is changed from zero to maximum, and the exciter voltage varies at the same time from minimum to maximum, the upper contact is shifted about $1/16$ inch. Since the solenoid lever remains in contact with the upper stud, and since the shifting of this stud is very slight, the lever may still be considered to be in equilibrium as long as the generator voltage remains constant. Should the generator voltage drop, the moment due to the weight of the core predominates, producing clockwise motion. If the generator voltage rises above normal value, the magnetic pull increases and the lever is under the influence of a counter-clockwise moment. It must be borne in mind that the solenoid lever was adjusted to maintain equilibrium for a given generator voltage.

The following example may serve to illustrate the action of the complete apparatus. Let it be assumed that the constant voltage of the system, as expressed in the voltage of the secondaries of the potential transformer is 110 volts, and that the load and speed of the generator are constant, so that the vibration of the contacts is uniform. The core of the solenoid is set for the given voltage. Let us start with the time element during which the exciter field rheostat is short-circuited, as represented by Δt_1 in Fig. 137, that is, when the main contacts, and hence the relay contacts, are closed.

During this interval the current D of the shunt-field winding of the exciter rises, causing the exciter voltage C to increase, which in turn increases the exciter current B and the effective generator voltage A . The values are changed, but are displaced in phase on account of self-inductance. The upper contact moves upward on account of the rise in exciter voltage. As long as the generator voltage remains below 110 volts the solenoid lever is subjected to a clockwise movement, causing the lower contact to rise also, and press against the upper one. When the generator voltage reaches 110 volts or more, the solenoid lever commences to turn in an opposite direction, therefore opening the main contacts. This occurs at the point t_1 , so that the exciter field rheostat is again thrown in. The upper contact continues to rise under the growing exciter voltage until the influence of the exciter field rheostat, now in

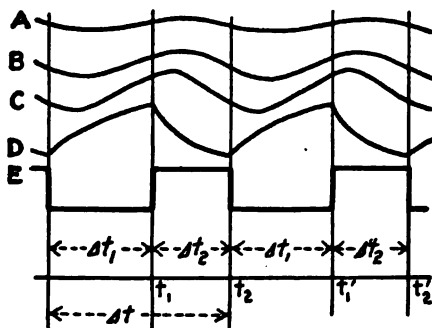


FIG. 137.—Curves showing performance of a Tirrill regulator.

circuit, becomes noticeable. The exciter voltage begins to fall off, and the upper contact reverses its movement. During this time the generator voltage continues to rise above 110 volts. The lower contact is lowered until the generator voltage reaches a maximum value and commences to fall under the influence of the falling exciter voltage. When this falling voltage reaches 110 volts and less, the motion of the solenoid lever is reversed, causing the lower contact to rise. The two contacts approach each other until they meet at the point t_2 , when the exciter field resistance is short-circuited. The tendency of the contacts to continue their motion is counteracted by a flat spring to which the upper contact is attached. The spring is bent, and both contacts follow the same constrained path until they are again separated. The motion of the mechanism remains constant as long as the load and speed of the generator

remain unvaried. All of these motions are very rapid. The larger the maximum resistance of the exciter field circuit on throwing in the field rheostat and the smaller its minimum resistance on short-circuiting the field rheostat, the more rapid will be the motions. The more rapid are the fluctuations in the generator field and in the magnetic pull on the solenoid core, the more rapid will be the motion of the mechanism and the opening and closing of the contacts. The greater the frequency of the contact vibration

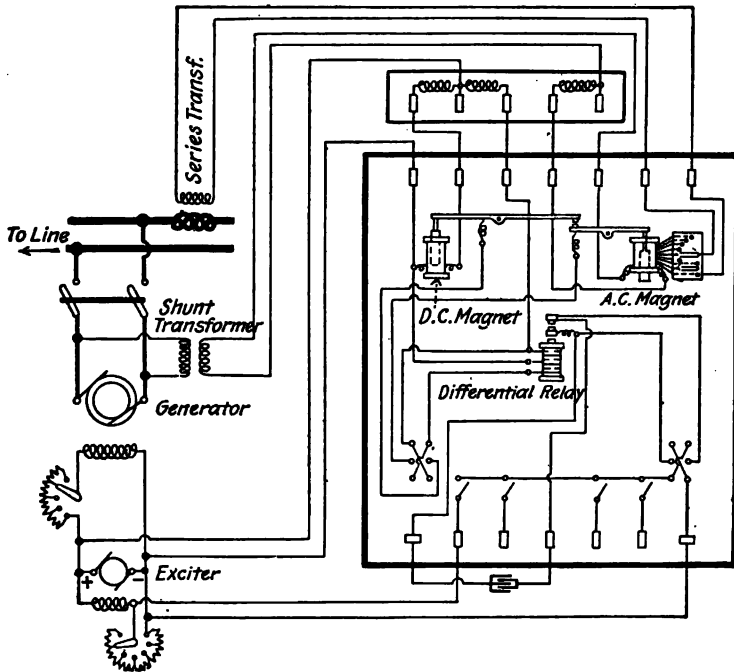


FIG. 138.—Connection of Tirrill regulator with one alternator.

the less the time allowed for changes in the exciter excitation, however, the less will become the fluctuations of the exciter and generator voltages. And finally, the greater the frequency of the generator excitation, the more rapidly will the voltage fluctuations due to the load variations, be removed. These conditions, therefore, call for as high a maximum resistance and as low a minimum resistance as possible in the exciter field. The minimum resistance is kept to a low value by short-circuiting the a.c. field rheostat. The maximum resistance, on the other hand, is obtained by setting

the exciter field rheostat to a value, which, when permanently connected to the exciter, will reduce the generator voltage to from 40 to 65 per cent. of its normal value. Any change in the load or speed of the generator will result in a disturbance of the uniformity of the contact vibration, which will last as long as the voltage fluctuation continues. For instance, under rise of load and fall of voltage, the solenoid lever moves in a clockwise direction, which closes the main contacts and short-circuits the exciter field rheostat. It is seen therefore that the regulator brings about an immediate rise in the exciter voltage so that its generator voltage reaches its normal value in the shortest possible time. As soon as the e.m.f. rises above 110 volts the contacts are opened and the

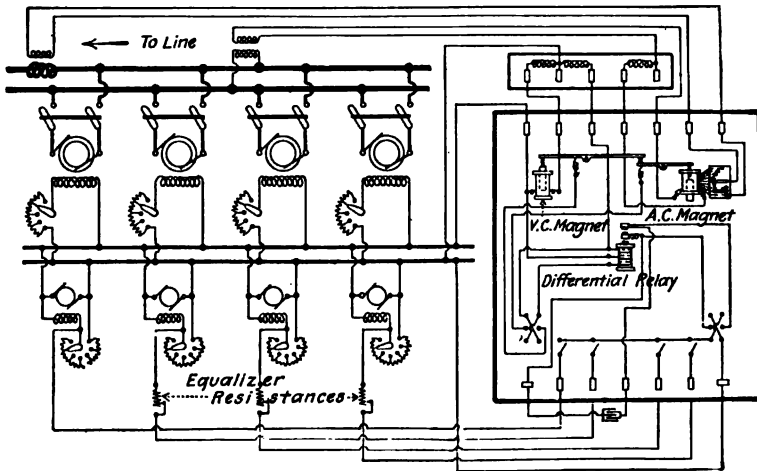


FIG. 139.—Connection of Tirrill regulator with four alternators in multiple.

normal vibration commences. The voltage fluctuation under normal conditions is so rapid and so small that the normal voltage of 110 may be considered practically constant.

Fig. 138 shows a diagram for connecting a T. A. regulator to a generator, the voltage of the busbars being kept constant.

If the generator voltage is to be increased by a certain amount, although the solenoid lever is set for 110 volts, the series coils of the solenoid may be connected in series with the potential coils, so that the two windings are opposed to each other. This does away with the series transformer. Both windings are excited by the same current which before supplied the potential coils alone,

with the result that the effective electromagnetic pull becomes less by an amount corresponding to the decrease in the number of effective ampere-turns. The decrease depends upon the number of series turns opposing shunt turns. The action of the decreased magnetic pull on the core and lever is the same as would be that of a decreased generator voltage. The result is an increase in this voltage of as great a percentage as the percentage decrease in the effective windings of the solenoid.

If the voltage of the system or of a single feeder is to be kept constant, the current winding is joined to the secondary of a series transformer connected to the feeder in question. When the generators are in parallel, and are excited by the same exciter, their

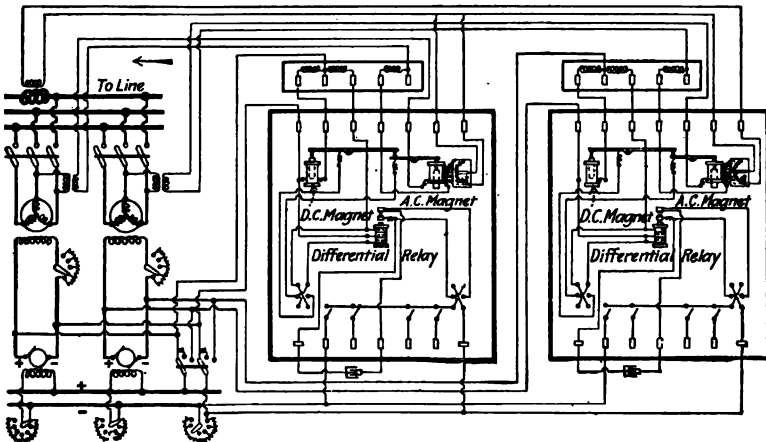


FIG. 140.—Connection of Tirrill regulator with two alternators and separate exciters.

voltage can be kept constant by a regulator joined to the exciter busbar, and also through transformers to the main bus.

Fig. 139 shows a system of connections for a regulator with several generators and exciters. All of the control rheostats are connected in parallel with the relay contacts and are short-circuited simultaneously. Any one of the exciters can be disconnected from the regulator at will. Resistances are introduced into the regulator leads in order to prevent equalizing currents. If it is not desired to connect the exciters in parallel, but that each exciter work directly on the field of its generator, then the field-windings of the exciters are connected in parallel with each other, and also

in series with a common resistance, which is influenced by a Tirrill regulator. (See Fig. 140.) Only one of the two regulators is in use at any given time, the other serving as a reserve.

For exciters with greater shunt-field currents, Tirrill regulators are used with a number of relays and corresponding switches, to avoid sparking at the relay contacts. The exciter rheostat is then sub-divided and the sub-division points are joint to the contacts of the different relays.

On long transmission lines where synchronous motor-generator sets are used, the generator supplying direct current for a railway load, the Tirrill regulator may be employed as a power-factor regulator, if it is desired to hold a leading power factor on the motors at all times irrespective of what the load may be on the generator. This regulator is designed with two stationary coils and one moving current coil on the a.c. solenoid.

The current of the moving coil is 120° out of phase with the potential at unity power factor. Should the power factor tend to change in either direction the excitation of the synchronous motor is increased or decreased proportionally, so that the power factor on the motor or line will be held constant at any desired value. For holding a leading power factor the adjustable coil is placed at a suitable angle to the potential coil, so that with this regulator the power factor anywhere from 80 per cent. leading to 80 per cent. lagging can be maintained.

THE THURY REGULATORS

In Europe the Thury automatic regulator has come into use. In this device, the power of an independent motor actuates the field rheostat of a generator and thus controls the voltage of the machine, constituting practically an electrically operated mechanical relay. By means of an electromagnetic balance it communicates to the regulating switch a rotary motion in one direction or the other, from a rocking arm which is kept in motion by an independent motor.

The a.c. type (Fig. 141) consists of an electromagnet *F* with a laminated core and of a moving coil *B* attached to the balance lever *E*. The lever is pivoted at its center and carries at one end the adjusting spring *A* and the compensating spring *R* and at the other a tempered steel step *C*. The current in the coils tends to lift the moving parts.

A non-inductive resistance in series with the magnet-winding is generally used to avoid irregularities due to variation of frequency.

A dashpot over the lever E is used for damping vibrations set up by the current.

The rocking motion from which the power is derived for operating the regulating switch is produced by an eccentric on a shaft driven by an independent motor. On the rocking arm D are mounted the tappets K and K' and the pawls I and I', by which the electromagnetic balance utilizes the oscillation of the rocking arm to move the toothed wheel H, which is coupled to the regulating device.

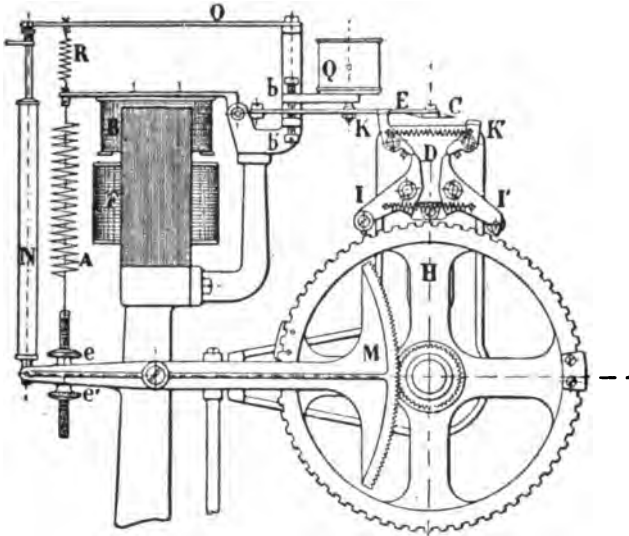


FIG. 141.—A. C. type of the Thury regulator.

For controlling the output of electrical machines the apparatus drives, either directly or through transmission gear, a switch-arm passing over contacts on a dial between which are connected suitable resistances to regulate the excitation of the machine.

When a current of normal strength flows through the magnet coil, and also through the moving coil which is in series with it, the latter is in the midway position and so is the stop C. The balance is in equilibrium between the magnetic force exerted and the pull of the spring A. When the current increases, the magnetic force tends to lift the moving coil against the pull of the spring until it is in its highest position, and the stop C is in its lowest. On the other hand, a diminution of current strength allows the spring A to pull the coil into its lowest position, raising stop C to its highest. The moving of the lever is limited by a couple of adjusting screws.

In its lowest position the stop C comes opposite the tappet K' and in its highest position, opposite the other tappet K; while in the normal position of equilibrium it misses both tappets. These several positions of the stop bring about the adjustment of the regulating switch by making use of the motion of the rocking arm to rotate the wheel H slightly one way or the other.

The rocking arm which is kept in motion by an eccentric driven by a motor, communicates this motion as an impulse or series of impulses in one direction or another to the toothed wheel H by means of the pawls I and I'. Normally these pawls are held up out of contact with the teeth of the wheel H; if one of the pawls is released, it drops into a gap between the teeth of the wheel and the next motion of the rocker pushes the wheel round to the next tooth.

When the current is normal, the tappets on the rocking arm miss the stop C entirely; but if the current increases, the stop C, drops until it comes opposite the tappet K', which strikes it, releasing the pawl I' and the wheel is moved one tooth to the right with the next swing of the rocking arm. On the return of the swing, the pawl is lifted by a stationary pin fixed below the spring stretched between the pawls. If the increase of current still holds the stop C down, the following swing brings about a further movement of the wheel H, and so on until the regulation is complete.

The travel of the toothed wheel is limited by clamps fixed on the side of the rim which engage with rollers on the pawls and holds them up as soon as that point is reached, so preventing them from pushing the wheel round any further.

To throw the regulator out of service, it is sufficient to stop the rocking motion of the pawls or to move a small pivot fork, which is fixed on the regulator bracket in front of the screws b and b'. This fork holds the lever E in its middle position.

This regulator is fully competent to deal with non-inductive circuits, accumulators and lighting feeders, etc.

For regulation of electrical machinery and circuits containing self-induction, a corrective device is necessary to avoid the possibility of hunting due to the lag which results from the self-induction. The movement of the regulating switch is accordingly transmitted to the electromagnetic balance by means of the toothed sector M, which works a lever pivoted at a point on the supporting column. This lever is connected to the flat spring O, and, as a result, every time the switch moves it tends to oppose the further movement of the balance.

This flat spring is deflected or released as the regulating device is

moved one way or the other. When it is deflected it slackens the compensating spring R, allowing the spring A to exert more pull on the balance to bring it back into the position of equilibrium and *vice versa*. The result of this is that whenever the regulating switch moves, it modifies the conditions governing the balance and tends to prevent the movement being prolonged beyond what is required. The end of the flat spring O is not connected rigidly to the sector lever M but only through the long dashpot N, which allows the flat spring gradually to regain its normal position after being deflected either way. The piston of the dashpot has an adjustable opening to allow the more or less rapid flow of the oil.

The rocking arm makes 150 complete oscillations a minute, thus turning the toothed wheel H by one tooth in 0.4 of a second. The regulating switch possesses as many contacts as the case on hand requires, for example, forty contacts for lighting or power work. As the contacts are spread over 240° , the switch arm turns through its complete range in 16 seconds.

The sensitiveness of regulation is limited only by the sub-division of the rheostat. It depends on the degree of elasticity of the springs A and R. To render the apparatus less sensitive the number of turns of A can be diminished and *vice versa*.

The Thury regulator permits very close regulation, independently of the force exerted in obtaining it; this regulation is operated mechanically throughout, no electrical contacts such as those of the Tirrill regulator being required.

The regulator can maintain the voltage of a system constant:

1. By varying the resistance of the exciting circuit to the voltage of the machine which supplies the exciting current.
2. By raising or lowering the pressure at the central station to compensate for drop in feeders.
3. By keeping the voltage of a motor-generator constant independently of variations in the supply pressure.
4. By altering the transforming ratio of a.c. transformers.
5. By varying the number of cells in a secondary battery.
6. By keeping the voltage constant in a battery booster circuit.

This type of regulator is also used to maintain constant current in arc lamps or series motor circuits. It can automatically regulate electric furnaces, etc.

Fig. 142 shows the diagram of connections for a Thury regulator in a d.c. circuit. The d.c. regulator varies only in insignificant details from the a.c. regulator. The resistance RA is used to ab-

sorb the excess pressure of the system to be regulated, the current then passing through the magnet winding *F* and the moving coil *B*, which are connected all in series across the generator terminals.

If the regulation is required at the center of the distribution system, the magnet coil is fed by a voltmeter pilot wire from the point in question. When the distance between the generator and the center of the system is too great to permit the expense of pilot wires, a special magnet winding can be applied to compensate at

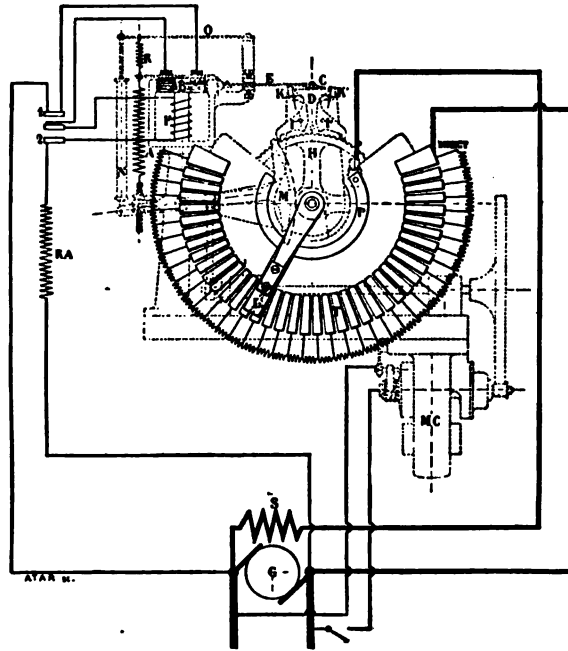


FIG. 142.—Diagram of connections for a Thury regulator in a D. C. circuit.

any moment for the loss in the feeder. This superimposed winding placed in a reverse direction on the magnet is fed from the terminals of a resistance shunt inserted in the feeder; the more the superimposed winding opposes the field of the electromagnet, as the load on the generator increases, the more voltage will the moving coil require in order to raise the balance lever.

If the current instead of the voltage is to be kept constant, the magnet winding of the regulator must either be connected in the main circuit or it can be shunted by a suitable resistance.

Fig. 143 shows the diagram of connections of a Thury a.c. regulator. The regulation is generally affected by varying the resistance in the field circuit S of the alternator; also by putting the rheostat in the field circuit of the exciter. In the case of high-tension alternators the regulator is connected through a small transformer. One phase is usually regulated and this phase is selected for electric lighting. Voltage regulation at the end of a feeder is obtained, as

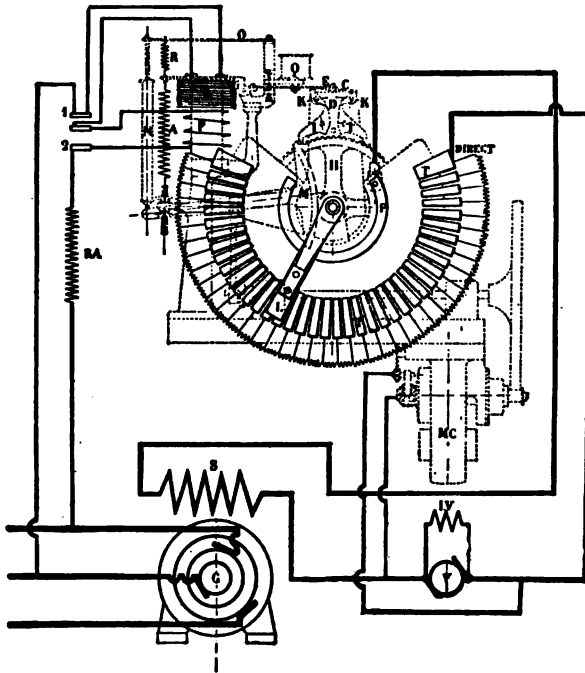


FIG. 143.—Diagram of connections for a Thury regulator in D. C. circuit.

in the case of the d.c. type, by providing a compound winding on the magnet coil.

In case a traction system also supplies lighting to a small town or private estate, the Thury regulator in connection with a motor-generator can be used to reduce the pressure to 110 or 220 volts and to deaden the speed changes produced by pressure fluctuations; slight momentary variations are thus eliminated.

With several generators in parallel, automatic regulation can be effected either on each machine or simultaneously on the group. In

the first case, each generator is provided with its own regulator and all work simultaneously to correct variations. The simultaneous regulation of all machines in parallel is done preferably by a single controlling mechanism, all rheostats being coupled to the said regulator.

These regulators are mounted either on the switchboard or on resistance boxes according to conditions. Fig. 144 shows a d.c. Thury regulator mounted on a rheostat.

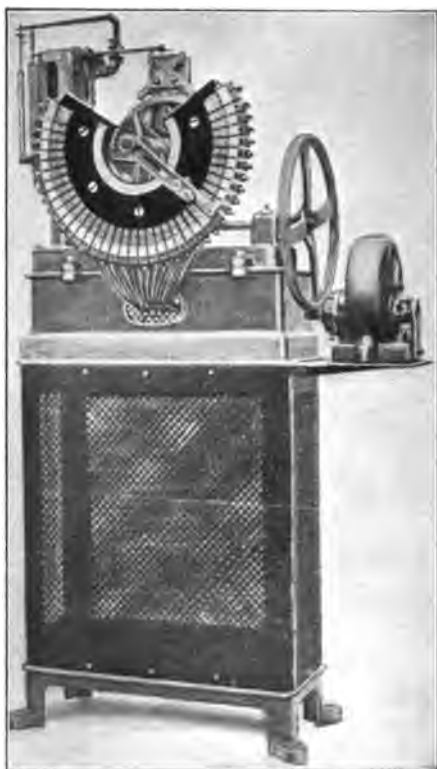


FIG. 144.—D. C. Thury regulator mounted on a rheostat.

When a group of alternators are excited from a common exciter only the current of the exciter is regulated. If the exciting current is furnished by a storage battery the regulator can be used in conjunction with the battery booster to vary the voltage as required.

FEEDER REGULATORS

One of the most important considerations in an a.c. lighting system is to keep the voltage in the main feeders constant. Since these feeders are subjected to a constantly varying load, an efficient regulation of the individual feeders gives an effective regulation of the entire system. The use of feeder regulators is of particular value for incandescent lighting systems, where it is essential that all the lamps should burn with equal brilliancy. When the generator supplies only a single circuit, the line voltage can be kept constant by regulating the generator voltage for the given line loss. This would be impossible where there are a number of circuits to deal with, unless all of the circuits have the same line loss. Under such conditions the best that can be done is to regulate the generator pressure for the average line drop, so that the pressure in some of the feeders will be higher than in others. An independent voltage regulation of

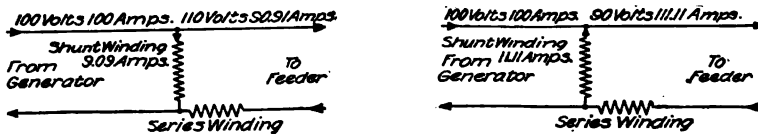


FIG. 145.—Boosting and lowering by a potential regulator.

the circuits is made possible, however, by inserting feeder regulators in each feeder. Potential regulators are recommended for the generators so as to maintain a constant voltage at the bus or at the substation independent of the changes of the load, and the various feeders should each be controlled by feeder regulators.

The action of the feeder regulator is similar to that of a transformer, or rather compensator with two distinct windings. The primary is connected in shunt and the secondary in series with the feeder to be controlled. The product of the voltage and current on the busbar side is equal to the corresponding product on the feeder side of the regulator, with a slight correction due to the loss in the feeder. Fig. 145 shows two diagrams of connections for boosting and reducing the feeder pressure for a single-phase line, given a 100-volt, 100-ampere circuit, and a regulator whose range is 20 per cent., that is 10 per cent. boosting and 10 per cent. reducing, neglecting the losses in the regulator itself. With a rise of feeder voltage a part of the current goes back to the line through the primary winding, and this amount is deducted from the useful current in the feeder, while

an increase of current results from a drop of pressure. It is important to distinguish between regulators and control resistances or reactances. The latter reduce the voltage by absorbing it. For since their windings are in series with the line, the current at both ends must be the same, so that there is a loss in voltage. The product of amperes by the difference in pressure across the ends of the winding represents a loss, and since the regulation of the current in the feeder is made to depend on this loss the result is a low efficiency.

Feeder regulators may be divided into switch or control regulators and induction regulators, the latter being single or polyphase. They are all subject to manual or automatic operation.

SWITCH OR CONTROL REGULATORS

A switch or control regulator is a transformer with both windings on the same core. The primary winding is connected across the feeder, and the secondary is in series with it. The secondary can

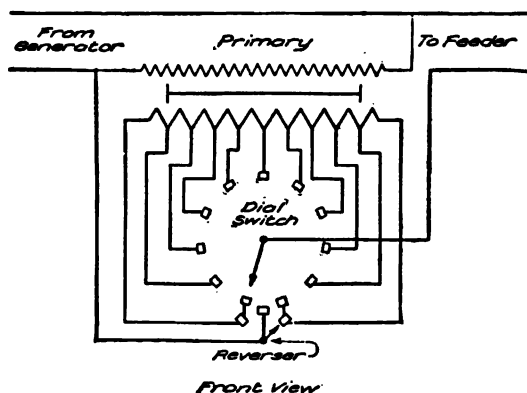


FIG. 146.—Internal connection of dial switch feeder regulator.

be gradually thrown on or off the line by a dial switch, upon which fact the operation of this type of regulator is based. Fig. 146 shows the internal connections of a type C. R. regulator. (G. E. Co.) In the position of maximum boost the dial switch is in the extreme left-hand position, where all secondary windings are thrown into circuit. By turning the switch from left to right the windings are thrown out, one by one, until they are all short-circuited in the extreme right-hand position. At this point the line voltage is the same as that on the generator side. With a continued motion of the

switch in the same clockwise direction, a reversing switch is automatically thrown, causing the dial switch to cut the secondary winding in again step by step, and so lower the generator voltage. Two complete rotations of the dial switch are therefore possible, one for boosting, and the other for lowering the feeder pressure. At the positions of maximum or minimum voltage the direction of rotation must be reversed. In the extreme positions the switch is auto-



FIG. 147.—Controlling type regulator (without casing).

matically arrested to prevent it from turning too far in the same direction. The change in feeder voltage is therefore made step by step. The precision of regulation depends upon the number of contacts or taps on the secondary. Great precaution is necessary in breaking the circuit, while the dial switch is moving from one contact to another, as adjacent coils must not be short-circuited, or it can also be controlled automatically by a Thury regulator. The regulating switch has to be suited for one, two, or three phases according to the system in use, the contacts of the switch having connection with the ends of the sections of the secondary winding of the transformer. The levers of the switch are controlled by the Thury regulator. The regulator called also a boosting transformer

may also be driven by a motor, being controlled from the switch-board by a small reversing switch. It is also undesirable to open the circuit each time in moving from one contact to the next. Arcing tips are therefore placed on the contact arm so that the contacts are not short-circuited but always have a gap of about $1/16$ inch in the circuit during the time of the change from one contact

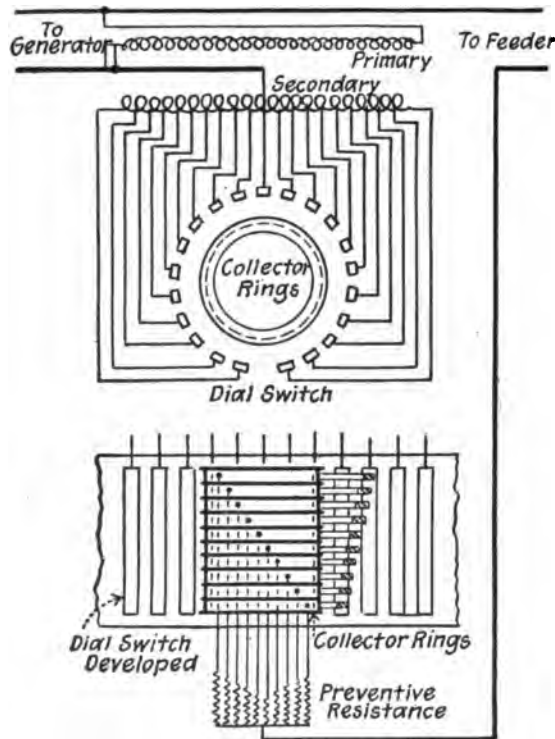


FIG. 148.—Internal connection of controller type regulator.

to the next. This air gap acts as a resistance. The handle has a snap movement as quick action is obtained by compressing a spring which carries the blade to the next contact. This type is air-cooled.

Another form of switch regulator is given in Figs. 147 and 148. This is an oil-cooled transformer with both windings on one core. The coils are suspended from the cover. The switch resembles a controller in form. The device consists of a stationary drum on which are fastened the contacts for the various coils of the secondary

winding. Inside the stationary drum is a second one on which is mounted a row of collector rings insulated from each other. A set of metallic fingers of different lengths make permanent contact with the collector rings so that when the vertical axis of the regulator is rotated, the fingers move on the upper faces of the contact pieces. The rings are connected in parallel through protective resistances and are joined in series with one end of the feeder. The other end of the same feeder is permanently connected to the middle point of

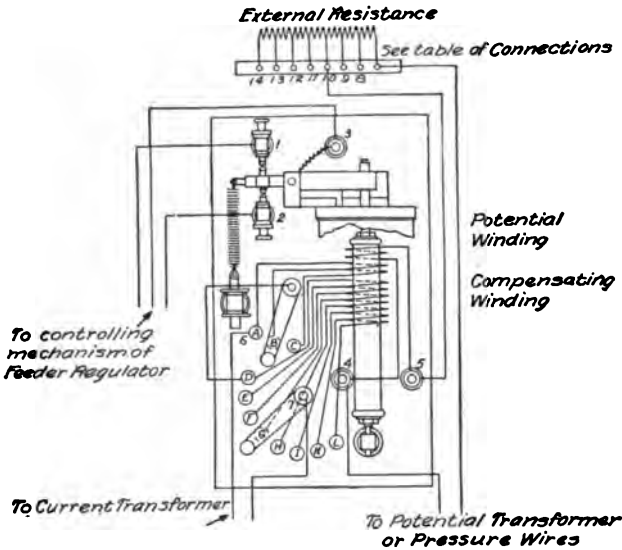


FIG. 149.—Connections of contact-making voltmeter.

the secondary. Regulation is accomplished by connecting the finger switch to a rotating flywheel by a horizontal bevel gear and two vertical pinions. A magnetic clutch keys one or the other of the pinions to the flywheel shaft, on which they run loose, according as boosting or depressing is required of the regulator. The flywheel is actuated from a rotating shaft which generally serves for operating a series of regulators. The magnetic clutch excitation is controlled by a contact-making voltmeter, quite similar to the a.c. solenoid and lever discussed under Tirrill regulator type T. A.

Fig. 149 shows the connections of the contact-making voltmeter. The apparatus consists of a solenoid whose core actuates a lever. A spring at the farther end of the lever opposes the magnetic pull of the core. The lever is connected with one side of a low tension a.c.

circuit (see Fig. 150), and vibrates between two contacts which are connected to the armatures of the magnetic clutches. A potential and a current winding, fed by shunt and series transformers in the feeder to be controlled, make up the solenoid. The current windings can be partly cut in or out by a dial switch, thus limiting the regulation to a fixed value. The direction of motion of the lever determines which of the two magnetic clutches is to be excited and therefore controls the direction of rotation of the horizontal bevel gear. A limit switch opens the circuit for the magnet in the extreme position of the finger switch of the regulator.

The efficiency of this regulator is very high, reaching almost 100 per cent. Since the motion is imparted to the small finger switch the moment of inertia and turning moments of the movable parts

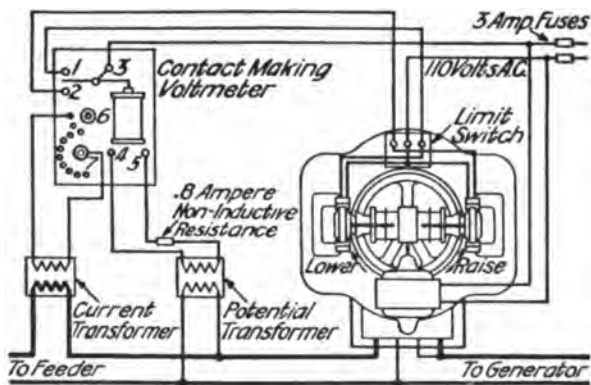


FIG. 150.—External connection of controller type regulator.

are small, so that the time element of the apparatus is very short. Moreover, quite precise regulation is obtainable because of the large number of contacts. Switch regulators are used for single-phase leads rated at less than 200 amp. at 2300 volts, 60 cycles, and with regulating range of 10 per cent. either way, making a total of 20 per cent.

The Westinghouse dial type "step by step" regulator has the dial switch mounted on the board away from the transformer to which it belongs, and the individual taps of the transformer secondary are joined by leads to the contact studs of the switch. These dial switches can be used directly for currents of 100 or 200 amp. To obtain regulation on a low-voltage circuit in which the current is larger than can be handled by the dial switch, a series transformer

and a shunt or auto-transformer are used. The auto-transformer has a number of taps connected across the line by means of the dial switch; the series transformer is placed in series with one side of the line and two leads of the secondary are connected to the dial.

If it is desired to obtain voltage regulation on circuits from 2500-6600 volts, this can be done by using the dial with shunt and series transformers similar to those previously described.

The Westinghouse drum type "step by step" potential regulator likewise consists of a separate control switch and a regulator transformer. The controller is similar to the kind used for electric street railway service. It consists of a cast-iron top and base held together by steel bars. Two of the bars carry the insulated contacts of the controller to which the transformer leads are connected. Inside the casing there are two revolving drums with their respective sets of fingers, one of which accomplishes the switching on or off of the transformer secondaries, while the other serves to reverse the regulation; i.e., according as a boosting or lowering of the voltage is called for. A so-called "floating coil" is used for the large number of steps of this regulator. It is simply an independent part of the secondary winding having a large number of well-insulated taps. The main portion of the winding is also subdivided by taps into a number of equal sections, each one being equivalent to the whole of the floating coil.

In the operation of the regulator, the floating coil and main winding are first connected in series with each other and with the line to be regulated. The floating coil is then cut out of the circuit step by step. When entirely cut out it is transferred to the next lower tap on the main winding after which it is again cut of the circuit step by step. When again entirely cut out it is transferred to the next lower tap of the main winding after which it is further cut out step by step and then transferred again. Precise regulation of the voltage is therefore possible with a maximum degree of freedom from arcing when cutting the windings in and out.

INDUCTION REGULATORS

The operation of these regulators is based upon a principle of regulation somewhat different from those discussed till now. The primary and secondary windings are respectively shunted across and in series with the main line as before, but they are wound on separate cores. The secondary is wound on the inner surface of a

stationary core, while the primary is wound on the outside of a movable core. Both windings are polar windings, and are so mounted that a given pole of one winding lies opposite to the same pole of the other. The regulation depends upon the displacement of one of the poles relative to the stationary pole. As long as two similar poles lie opposite each other the regulation is at maximum boost, but as soon as they become displaced, so that dissimilar poles are adjacent, the regulation drops until it reaches its lower value. The regulation with this type of apparatus is gradual. Two types of induction regulators may be distinguished, namely single-phase and polyphase.

SINGLE-PHASE INDUCTION REGULATORS

Fig. 151 shows the arrangements of primary and secondary cores and windings in single-phase induction feeder regulators. The

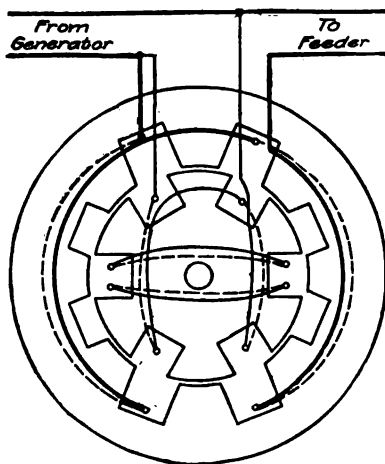


FIG. 151.—Arrangement of primary (armature) and secondary (field) cores and windings in single-phase feeder induction-regulator. Armature in maximum lowering position.

primary flux and consequently the flux through the secondary coils has a constant direction with respect to the movable core, namely perpendicular to the plane of the primary winding. As the core is rotated gradually the relative direction of the primary flux to the fixed secondary winding is varied and produces a gradually varying e.m.f. in the secondary, from the maximum positive, through zero, to the maximum negative value. In the position where the direction

of the primary flux is opposed to the secondary flux, the voltage generated by the primary in the secondary is added directly to the line voltage, but is subtracted when the direction of the flux is the same. In any intermediate position of the primary winding, the primary flux, and consequently the flux in the secondary coils, is proportional to the angular position of the core. The generated e.m.f. is, however, always in phase with the excitation, and is therefore added directly to or subtracted directly from the line voltage. As shown in Fig. 151, the rotary core contains a short-circuited winding arranged at right angles to the shunt windings. Its object is as follows: In the positions of maximum boost or lowering, the primary flux neutralizes that of the secondary, for the fluxes are then in the same or opposite directions. With the armature in the neutral or no-boost, no-lower position the flux produced by the current in the secondary passes equally on either side of the primary coils, which cannot therefore neutralize the flux due to the secondary. The

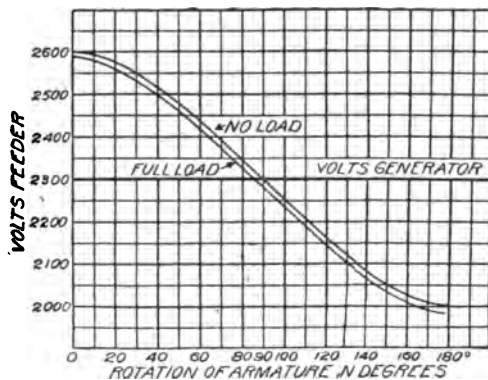


FIG. 152.—Curves showing boosting and lowering of feeder voltage by induction regulator.

secondary flux sets up a self-inductance in the windings which reaches its maximum with the neutral position of the primary coils. This self-inductance of the secondary, if the line current is constant, requires a gradually increasing e.m.f. to maintain the current through the series windings. The voltage so absorbed would be at right angles to the line voltage, and the result would be a poor power-factor in the feeder. The short-circuited coil on the armature, however, which is in direct inductive relation to the series coils when the armature is in the neutral position, acts as a short-circuit on the secondary winding, and therefore reduces the voltage necessary to

force full-load current through this winding to only a trifle more than that represented by the resistance drop across the secondary and short-circuited windings. This short-circuiting of the secondary is gradual from zero in the maximum boosting position of the regulator to the maximum short-circuiting in the neutral position, so that by the combined effect of the primary and short-circuited coils the reactance of the secondary is kept within reasonable limits. The



FIG. 153.—Single-phase induction-regulator.

total ampere-turns of the primary plus the ampere-turns of the short-circuited windings are always approximately equal to the ampere-turns of the secondary. Fig. 152 is a graphical representation of boosting and lowering of feeder voltage by induction at no load and full load. The exterior of the regulator is shown in Fig. 153. The device is operated either directly by hand, or by chain and sprocket, by hand-controlled motor, or automatically. If automatically operated, the actuating motor should be of the polyphase type. The motor is controlled by means of a small double-pole double-throw switch which is automatically thrown in by a small magnet, energized through a contact-making voltmeter.

Fig. 154 shows connections for an automatically operated single-phase induction regulator. The action of the contact-making voltmeter is similar to that described under Fig. 150. The up-and-down motion of the armature controls the excitation of the two coils of the relay switch magnet, and the regulator is operated by the motor in either direction.

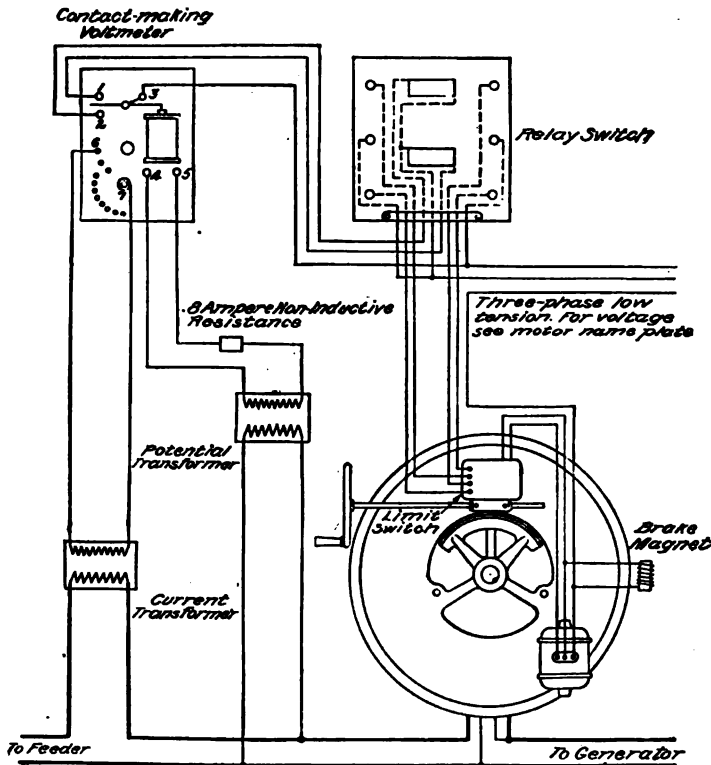


FIG. 154.—Connection of automatically operated single-phase induction-regulators.

POLYPHASE INDUCTION REGULATORS

The general construction of polyphase induction regulators is similar to that of the single-phase type of apparatus. The primary shunt-windings for the different phases must be identical in every way and arranged so that the various windings magnetize a given pole of the regulator in the same direction. Both windings are wound on their cores like the windings on an induction motor.

With the polyphase type the field is not an alternating one as in the single-phase apparatus, but is rotary, and the speed of the rotation of the field per pole is the same as that of the generator. The value of the e.m.f. generated in the secondary is not changed by the motion of the primary coils, but the phase of both voltages is displaced, which changes the value of the load voltage which is the resultant of the two. In other words, both coils set up rotating magnetic fields in the same direction. The e.m.f. generated in the secondary is determined in value and phase by the value and phase of the resultant field. Since the absolute values of the magnetic fields do

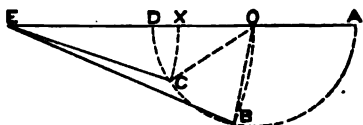


FIG. 155.—Change of phase relation in polyphase induction-regulator.

not change, their resultant value, and consequently the absolute value of the generated voltage, also remains constant. It does change the phase position of the resultant field, however, and hence the phase of the secondary voltage relative to the line pressure. The resultant line voltage is the vector sum of the generator and generated voltages. The diagram in Fig. 155 shows the change of phase relation for this type of regulator.

Let EO represent the normal e.m.f. of a certain primary phase both in value and in time-phase position, let the radius of the arc ABC represent the constant voltage generated in the secondary phase winding of the regulator. With the primary coil directly opposite the secondary coil of the same phase, the voltage generated will be in reverse phase with that impressed, and will be represented by OD. The regulator will lower by the maximum amount, and the difference, ED, is the resultant feeder voltage. Since, however, the primary is rotated out of this position, the secondary winding considered will be partially excited by the next winding on the armatures, so that the voltage generated is not deducted directly from OE, but at an angle, as OC, and the feeder voltage is a resultant of EO and OC, or $EC=EX$. In a position of nearly 90° from the maximum lowest, the regulator will be neutral or no-boost, no-lower position, completing the full range of 180° , the armature is in an opposite field, of the winding surrounding the dissimilar pole, so that the secondary voltage, in phase with the pri-

mary, but in the same direction and the regulator is boosting. The resultant EA represents the maximum boost voltage.

Due to the rotation of a similar field produced by the currents in the series coils, the currents in the shunt-windings are constant, regardless of the position of the armature. For a given line current, the currents in the shunt-windings are taken from the line, or are delivered back into the system as the armature is rotated from maximum boost to maximum lower in the same phase relation as represented by the secondary voltage generated. (See Fig.

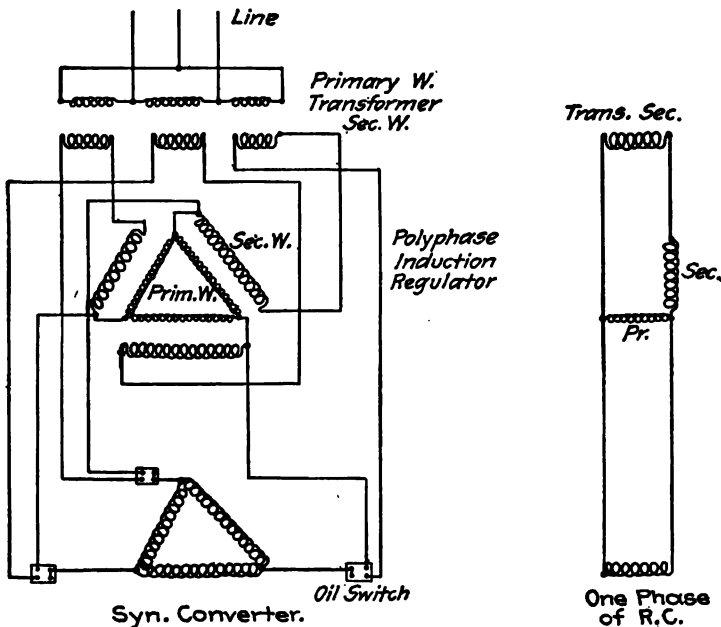


FIG. 156.—Connection of a polyphase induction-regulator with synchronous converter.

145.) The arrangement and operation are the same as for single-phase regulators. They are used in lighting systems to regulate the voltage in the feeders, and also in connection with synchronous converters. (See Fig. 156.)

Polyphase regulators change the voltages of all of the phases simultaneously and by an equal amount, depending on the excitation, regardless of the load or the unbalancing of the line voltage between phases, whereas by using the single-phase type each phase

can be controlled separately and a perfect balance obtained at the point of distribution on the feeder regardless of the unbalancing of the system.

The induction type of potential regulators can also be controlled by a Thury regulator. Induction regulators are either oil, air, or water-cooled, depending upon the capacity, pressure, and frequency of the line in which they are inserted.

CHAPTER XVIII

CONSTANT-CURRENT SYSTEMS

IN series a.c. systems for arc and incandescent lighting it is necessary to maintain the current value of the circuit at a constant value regardless of the number of lamps. This maintenance is

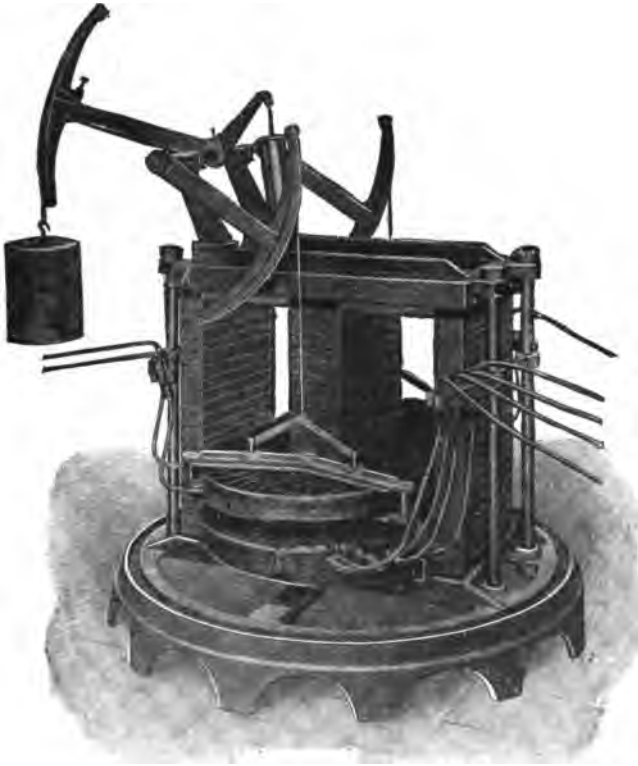


FIG. 157.—Internal arrangement of an air-cooled constant-current transformer with one primary and one secondary winding.

brought about by a Thury regulator as mentioned in the previous chapter or by a constant-current transformer. The principle of the constant-current transformer depends upon the relative

linear shifting of the secondaries with respect to the stationary primaries. Within certain limits the repulsion between the fixed and moving coils for a given position is directly proportional to the current in the coils. The transformer may be set for a given current value by adjusting a counterweight so as to balance the movable coil for a certain position.

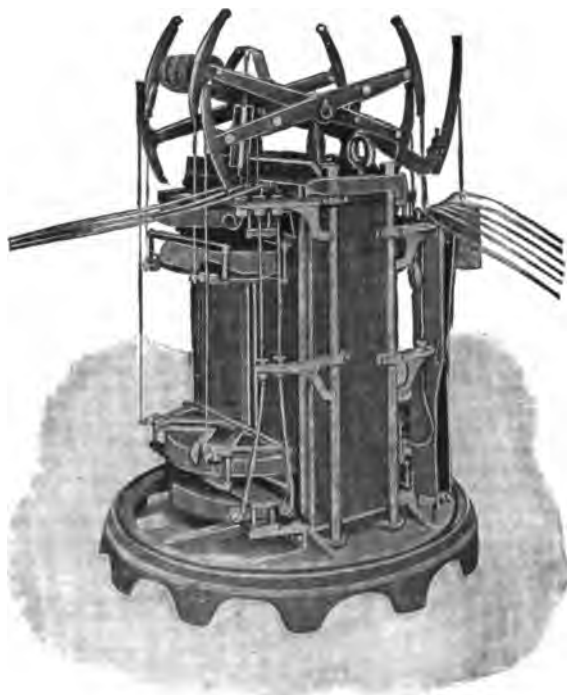


FIG. 158.—Internal arrangement of an air-cooled constant-current transformer with two primary and two secondary windings.

Fig. 157 shows the interior connections of a 50-lamp air-cooled constant-current transformer, and one for 100 lamps is given in Fig. 158. Apparatus rated up to and including 50 lamps are built with two flat coils enclosing the central core. The lower coil, which is the primary, is fixed in position, while the upper one is suspended from the two inner arms of a double lever and can move freely along the central core. The outside arm of the lever carries a counterweight of such value that it will exactly balance the weight of the secondary coil minus the electrical repulsion due to the

normal currents in the coils. Therefore, if the weight is reduced the current value is raised.

The 75- and 100-lamp transformers shown in Fig. 158 have four coils, two primaries and two secondaries. In the 75- and 100-lamp oil-cooled apparatus, and the 75-lamp air-cooled transformers the two primary coils are fixed at the extreme upper and lower ends, while the secondary coils are free to move up and down along the central core. The 100-lamp air-cooled transformer is arranged with the secondary coil stationary, and the primary movable. The two moving coils are balanced one against the other, and the counterweight serves merely to draw the coils together in opposition to their repulsion force. A decrease in the counterweight produces a decrease in the current. The arc on the counterweight lever is made adjustable because the repulsion exerted by a given current in the coils is not the same for all positions of the coils, being greatest when the primaries and secondaries are close together. By means of the adjustable arc, the effective radius of the balancing weight is made to change as the coils move through their working range. When the current value is reduced below the normal the mutual repelling force diminishes and the primary and secondary coils approach each other, thus restoring normal current. The opposite action occurs when the secondary current exceeds normal. The transformers, therefore, maintain the constant current for which they are set, regardless of the external resistance to which the coils are connected. The efficiency of these transformers at full load with arc lamps at 60 cycles varies from 96 per cent. for the 100-lamp type to 94.6 per cent. for the 25-lamp type. The two primary coils of the 75- and 100-lamp apparatus are connected in series for 2200 volts, and in parallel for 1100 volts. An exception to this connection is found in the 100-lamp transformer in which the coils are arranged with a number of taps for use under partial load and full power-factor. These transformers are built for 1100 or 2200 volts, and the connections of the primary windings must not be changed. With the large transformer with two secondary coils, each of these coils is connected to its own circuit, while with the small type all lamps are connected in series on the same circuit.

The connections of a transformer having two primary and two secondary windings (75 or 100 lamps) is shown in Fig. 159, together with the circuit and switchboard. The primary side is connected to the outer circuit by primary plug switches. In a similar manner the individual lighting circuits can be connected with the trans-

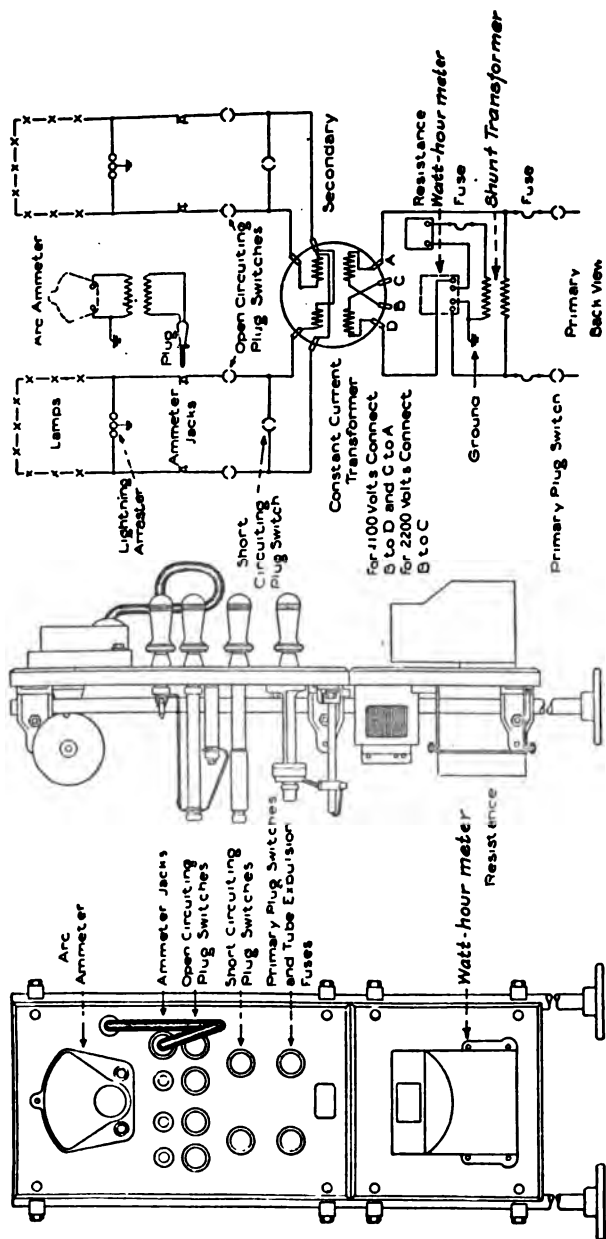


FIG. 159.—Connection and panel equipment for a constant-current transformer for 50, 75 and 100 lamps.

former secondary, or can be short-circuited by means of a series of plug switches. The series transformer for the ammeter is connected into the desired circuit through an ammeter jack. The front and side elevations of the board show the manner of mounting the plug switches and instruments together with their transformers and resistances.

Fig. 160 is the diagram of a 100-lamp transformer with primary and secondary windings provided with taps used for partial load at full power-factor. The connections of the instruments are omitted in this figure, but they are the same as those in Fig. 159.

In accompanying tables the connections for the different taps are given for different values of the load.

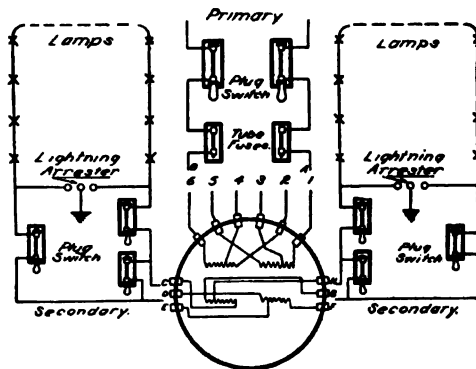


FIG. 160.—Connection of 100-lamps constant-current transformer with two secondary coils and taps for partial load at full load power factor.

Each transformer calls for the following equipment:

- 1 ammeter.
- 1 series transformer (which may be omitted on boards for less than 35 lamps).
- 1 ammeter jack plug with necessary leads (for boards controlling 2 lighting circuits).
- 4 ammeter jacks (for boards controlling 2 lighting circuits).
- 2 sets open circuiting plugs and receptacles (for each lighting circuit).
- 1 set short-circuiting plugs and receptacles (for each lighting circuit).
- 2 primary plug switches with receptacles.
- 2 plug racks for the reception of idle plugs.
- 2 primary fuses.

The plug switches on the primary side are often replaced by oil switches—on account of the high voltage.

The size of the fuses is such that they will protect the transformer from short-circuit. The above equipment is mounted on a panel of blue Vermont marble 28 inches high, from 16 to 20 inches broad, and set up 36 inches above the floor. An extra watt-hour meter is often inserted in the primary circuit to indicate the total amount of energy delivered to the transformers. This instrument with

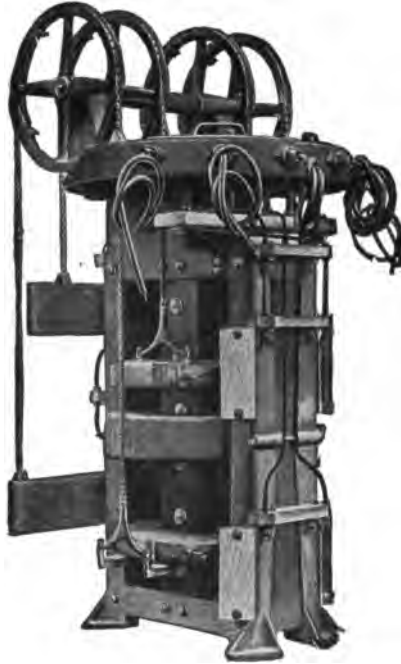


FIG. 161.—100-lamps oil-cooled constant-current transformer, interior.

its resistance is mounted on a base of the same width as the panel and 12 to 16 inches in height.

The interior connections and appearance of a Westinghouse 100-lamp oil-cooled constant-current transformer are shown in Fig. 161. It has one stationary primary winding and two movable secondaries, each of which feeds its own lighting circuit. Both the primary and secondaries are provided with taps for connection to different voltages (within certain limits) and to partial load at full power-factor. To set the apparatus for a given amperage,

small weights are added to the main counterweight. In constant-current transformers for 25 to 75 lamps with only one movable coil, an addition to the counterweight produces a falling off of the current, while in the type for 100 to 200 lamps with two movable coils, this causes the current to be decreased in one coil and boosted in the other.

Fig. 162 shows the connections of a 100-lamp air-cooled regulating transformer on a single-phase circuit. The connections of the

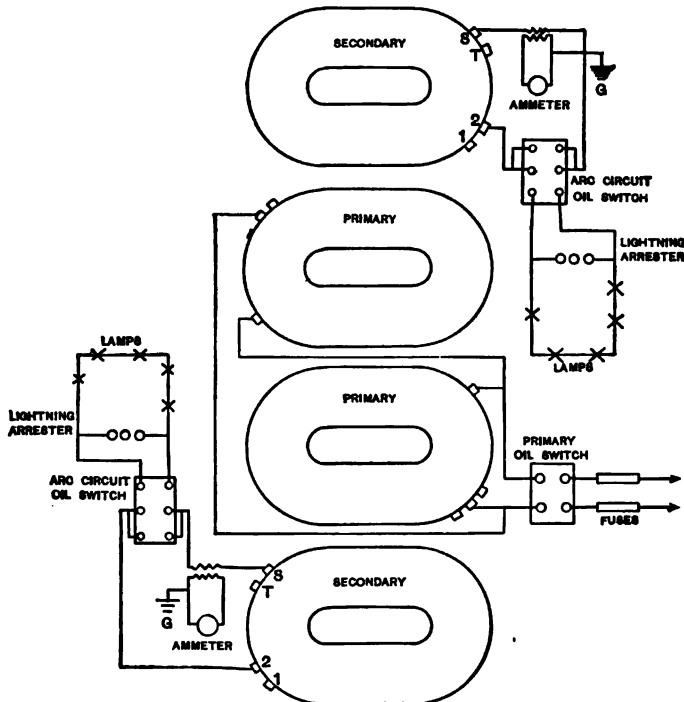


FIG. 162.—Diagram of connection for 100-lamp air-cooled constant-current transformer.

primary side with the outer line, and of the arc lamp circuit with the secondary, are made through oil switches. The oil switches for the lamp circuits are a combination of a double- and a single-pole oil switch with separate handles, in which the double-pole part serves to cut the lighting circuit in and out, and the single pole to short-circuit the secondary transformer winding when starting and stopping.

Fig. 163 gives the connections for two 200-lamp transformers on a three-phase circuit, feeding eight lighting circuits. A set of plug switches connects the two secondaries of each transformer

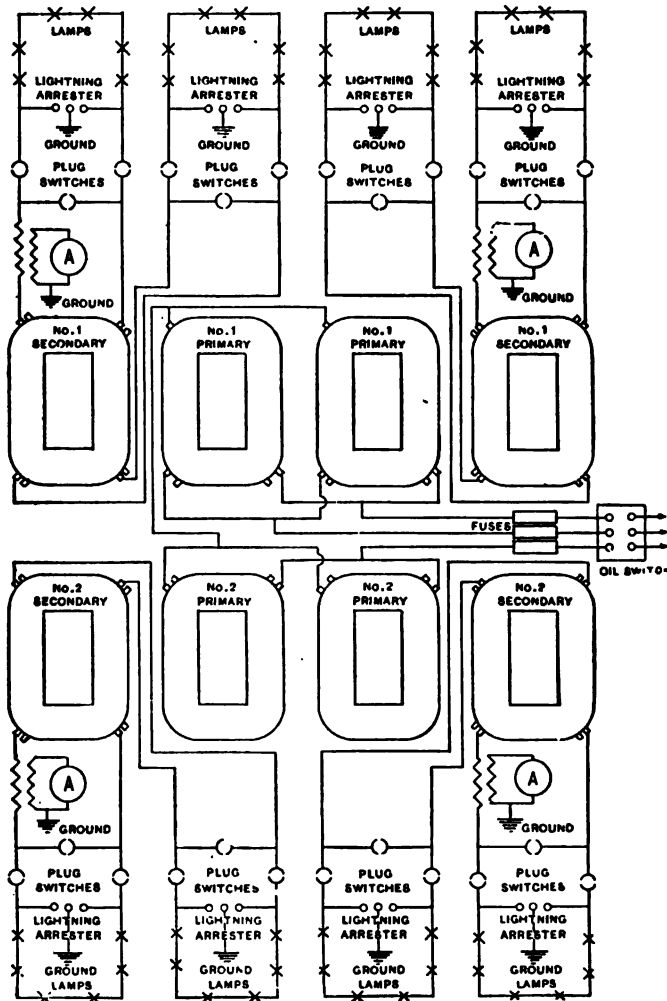


FIG. 163.—Diagram of connection for two 200-lamp oil-cooled constant-current transformers for balanced load on three-phase circuit.

to the lighting circuits. There are also two primaries in each transformer. A three-pole oil switch connects the two transformers to the three-phase circuit.

CHAPTER XIX

STARTING COMPENSATORS

INDUCTION or synchronous motors require a starting current several times as large as their full-load current. With motors rated at more than 5 hp. such a starting current produces a considerable voltage drop and load variation in the circuit to which the motors are connected, and causes a disturbance in the general service. To prevent a rush of current during the starting period, starting compensators are connected in between the line and the motors during this interval.

Compensators for starting a.c. motors consist of inductive windings, one coil for each phase, which are provided with several taps and which supply a large current at reduced potential. Their effect is equivalent to that of a step-down transformer, and the product of

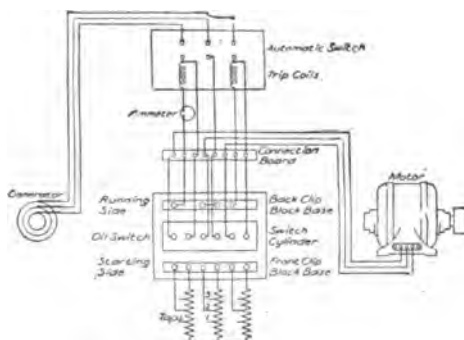


FIG. 164.—Connection of a starting compensator with a three-phase induction motor.

e.m.f. and current on the line circuit is approximately equal to the corresponding product on the motor circuit. Each coil is placed on a separate leg of a laminated iron core, and is provided with several taps to obtain a number of sub-voltages for permanent connection to the starting switch of the motors according to their requirements. The three coils of the three-phase winding are connected in Y, and the line is joined to the three free ends of the coil by a controller switch, or for large machines, by an oil switch. During the starting

period the motor is connected by means of the controller switch or a double-throw oil switch to the taps of the coil, and directly to the line during service. If the control switch connects the motor to the line, fuses are used to guard against short-circuit or overload, while if the oil switch is used, the switch itself provided with an automatic trip coil affords the necessary protection.

Fig. 164 shows the induction motor and compensator connections for a three-phase machine. The lever of the controller has three positions, namely, "off," "starting" and "running." In the "off" position the compensator and motor windings are disconnected from the line, in the "starting" position the switch connects the line to

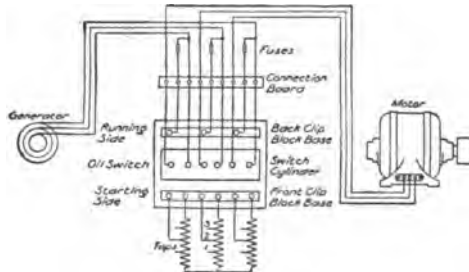


FIG. 165.—Connection of a starting compensator with a separate automatic switch to three-phase induction motor.

the free ends and the motor to the taps of the compensator windings, and in the "running" position the compensator winding is cut out, and the motor is connected to the line through the fuses or circuit breaker, which are mounted directly above the compensator.

Fig. 165 shows the connections of a three-phase induction motor with a starting compensator and automatic oil switch on the line side. In this diagram, the line is connected to the ends of each coil, and the starting connection of the motor to one of these ends and the tap.

In Fig. 166 there are shown the connections for starting a number of three-phase induction motors from one starting compensator, which is also joined to the line through an oil switch called a magnetizing or primary switch. The motors can only be started separately.

An extract of an information label included with a General Electric starting compensator is given below:

"The following directions apply whether the primary switch of the compensator is placed in the compensator box or on the switch-

board. With either arrangement a double-throw switch is placed on the switchboard to connect the motor to either the compensator or the line." This double-throw switch can also be included in the compensator box.

To start the motor the following procedure should be observed: "Close the primary switch, and then throw the motor switch into the starting position. The motor should reach practically full speed in one minute with the switch in this position. Just before it reaches

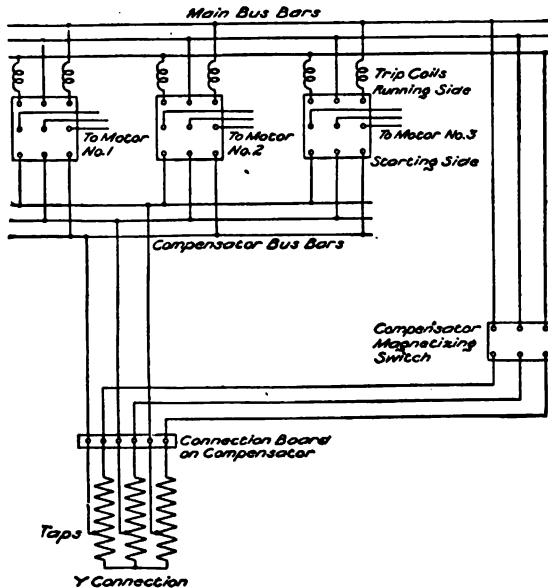


FIG. 166.—Connection for starting a number of three-phase induction motors from one starting compensator.

full speed, throw the motor switch into the running position and open the primary switch of the compensator. This primary switch should never be opened with the motor switch in the starting position. If the motor does not start immediately open both switches and adjust the compensator as follows: Connect the motor line in the compensator to the next higher connection on the coils, being careful to have all of the cables lead to corresponding taps on all the coils. If the motor fails to start again, connect the motor lines to the next higher taps and proceed as before. If it does not start with the highest tap connection, the load is either too great for the motor, or the line voltage is low." Where separate oil switches are used, the same mode of procedure should be followed.

CHAPTER XX

LIGHTNING ARRESTERS

LIGHTNING arresters serve the purpose of protecting transmission lines, machines and apparatus against the destructive influence of abnormal phenomena in voltage and frequency. All phenomena of this sort are defined collectively as lightning. Such disturbances may be caused in three different ways.

1. They may be the result of exterior occurrences, such as electrical discharges between clouds or between clouds and earth. A special case of this is when the discharge strikes the transmission line. The influence of electrostatic induction of charged clouds or atmospheric strata and the collection of static charges from wind, rain, snow or mist is noticeable in the more or less dangerous phenomena observed in the rise of voltage and frequency. They may also be produced by sudden changes in temperature at sunrise and sunset.

2. Interior processes within the circuits, machines and apparatus will cause the same phenomena in changes of pressure and frequency as the outside disturbances so that they are properly included under the term lightning. Such processes may be caused by load variations, opening and closing of circuits, throwing machines into or out of circuit, or discharges by faulty insulation, short-circuit or grounding.

3. Interior or exterior lightning phenomena may be serious or quite harmless in their consequences, but their appearance in a system carrying considerable energy, though unimportant in itself, may cause an abnormal surge liable to prove detrimental to the installation.

The phenomena resulting from the causes just described may be classified:

1. A steady stress or gradual electric charge.
2. A strong impulse or traveling wave, and
3. A stationary wave or oscillation and surge.

Under the first conditions a series of discharges takes place in the lightning arrester, or if this apparatus does not operate prop-

erly, which is equivalent to its total absence, the insulation of the conduits is punctured at its weakest point. The harmful action, therefore, lies in the destruction of the insulation of the system and the serious consequences attendant upon short-circuiting or discharging thus made possible. It therefore becomes a function of the lightning arrester to take care of any excessive pressure in such a way that no disturbance shall be created in the system.

A strong impulse or traveling wave is generally caused by lightning striking a line or by discharge through arcing of accumulated static electricity. It may also result from spark discharge, sudden variation of load, or switching of apparatus. At the instant of their appearance such waves may possess considerable potential, and their influence may extend over a longer or shorter portion of the line, depending upon the inductance and condenser capacity of the line concerned. If such a wave is propagated it may be partially reflected at the entrance to stations or at points of electrical discontinuation of the circuit. The reflected wave will often form a new wave with the traveling wave, varying at certain points from zero to twice the value of the original wave. This new wave is said to be stationary. A break in the propagation of a wave or series of waves at the entrance to a station is made evident by electrostatic discharges, sparks and arcing at the cables and switchboard. Moreover, oscillations or fluctuations of varying frequency will occur in the transmission lines which result from a tendency to re-establish equilibrium of the energy flow after a disturbance has taken place. The danger from these fluctuations increases with the amount of energy carried by the system. The frequency of the fluctuations depends upon the resistance, inductance and capacity of the line.

The phenomena may occur singly or in combinations, one often causing the other.

Dr. C. P. Steinmetz defines the purposes of lightning arresters:

1. As guards against the entrance or origin of disturbances.
2. As prevention against spreading of disturbances.
3. And as means of taking up an existing disturbance and rendering it harmless, without in any way affecting the system, i.e., in regard to raising of voltage, etc.

The arresters must therefore prevent excessive although transitory rises of potential between lines as well as between lines and ground; they must restrain the flow of the dynamic current from line to ground following the discharge path and to extinguish the

arc when normal potential is restored. The lightning arrester ought to discharge high potentials covering a wide range of frequency.

The phenomena with which we have to deal under abnormal pressure and frequency are of such complicated nature, both in respect to the size, length, and form of wave, and to the time and relative order of their occurrence, that it has hitherto been impossible to design a protective device which will meet all the requirements imposed upon it, for given conditions of voltage and energy flow of the system. The various devices in use are of value only under the conditions for which they are designed. The controlling factors in their construction are the voltage and energy of the system, the kind of load and the overhead and underground installation of the transmission lines.

Of the devices tabulated below we will discuss only those occurring most frequently in practice, as their constant use has brought out some noteworthy improvements.

The following are the most common forms of protective devices:

1. Multigap lightning arrester without resistance, with series or shunt resistance, or with both.
2. Horn arrester, with or without series resistance, and with or without fuses.
3. Magnetic blow-out arrester.
4. Electrolytic arrester:
 - (a) Aluminum arrester, with or without gap.
 - (b) Liquid electrode arrester.
5. Condensers.
6. Choke coils.
7. Overhead grounded wire.
8. Overload switches.
9. Water jet from line to ground.
10. Coherer type.

MULTIGAP LIGHTNING ARRESTER

This device consists of a number of small brass cylinders mounted in a row on an insulated base with small gaps between them. One end of the row is connected to the line and the other end is grounded. Messrs. D. B. Rushmore and D. Dubois¹ explain the action of the

¹ "Protection Against Lightning and Multigap Lightning Arrester," Pr. A. I. E. E., March 29, 1907.

cylinders as that of small condensers, which are charged with varying amounts of potential according to their distance from the line connection, being maximum at that point and zero at the grounded end. When the potential difference between the first pair of cylinders increases beyond a certain limit, a discharge takes place between them. The potential of the second cylinder, being connected to the first by an arc, rises and may rise to such a point that it breaks down to the third cylinder, and the third to the fourth, and so on, till the arc has passed entirely across the arrester. This action shows the successive discharge of the arrester at a voltage in excess of the normal line pressure. As soon as all the gaps are bridged over by arcs, the line current starts and the distribution of potential is changed, following a straight line from a maximum value at line potential to zero. This indicates that the potential difference between all the cylinders is the same, and is much less than before the breakdown. It is well known that to maintain an arc of alternating current across a gap the voltage must be at least high enough to break down the dielectric of the air gap each time the arc goes out at the end of a half cycle. The dielectric is greatly weakened by the heat produced by the passage of the arc. Therefore the voltage to maintain the arc need not be as high as that which originally broke across. The weakening of the dielectric depends upon the heat of the arc, and this in turn upon the boiling temperature of the metal of the arc cathode. A metal or alloy having a low boiling temperature is therefore chosen which at the same time will preserve its cylindrical form under the arcing action. Metal meeting these requirements is called non-arcing metal.

The size, material and number of the cylinders, and the spacing between them are so chosen that at the end of a half cycle the potential difference between the cylinders is insufficient to break down the dielectric resistance offered by the air gap. The arc therefore is extinguished after the first half cycle.

Another explanation for the non-arcing property of multigap arresters is given by Mr. Thomas in the discussion of the above mentioned paper. "It is a known fact that the arc starts by ionization through potential strain of the gases between the electrodes, by which ions are liberated. They are forced to move extremely rapidly by the high potential and produce other ions until finally there is such an increase of temperature and such an increased ratio of ionization that the quantity produced is sufficient to carry the normal arc current at a low voltage. At the instant the dis-

charge and the normal current cease at the end of an alternation, in view of the close neighborhood of the conducting cylinders, the ions which would otherwise hold over until the return of the voltage are freely absorbed by the metal. Such ionization is very closely related to temperature, the high temperature very much increasing the ionization. Metals of low boiling point are used to keep down the temperature."

Arcing between any two successive cylinders consumes a certain amount of e.m.f. The successive losses in voltage thus incurred can reduce the discharge voltage between a certain pair of cylinders to such a value that no further discharge is possible between the remaining cylinders. The discharge therefore is only partial over a certain number of gaps. A complete discharge takes place when the initial voltage is so great that the successive discharges do not bring it to a value less than that of the spark voltage, or when the drop across the gaps is so small that the sum is not sufficient to affect the initial discharge voltage.

The drop in voltage between any two cylinders depends upon the value of the current. Messrs. Rushmore and Dubois state that "as this current is that due to the capacities which have been considered, it will be greater at high frequencies, and the fall of potential between the first and second cylinders will therefore be less. As the arrester gaps break down successively the fall of potential from one cylinder to another is less, and therefore such an arrester will discharge at a lower voltage for a higher frequency than for a lower." Multigap arresters without resistance discharge more readily at high frequencies than at low. In the same way that high frequency lowers the breakdown of multigaps by increasing the current of the spark, high resistance, by absorbing e.m.f. when this current exists, decreases breakdown. Resistance is most effective at high frequency in increasing breakdown voltage, as at high frequency the charging current is greater, and therefore there is more voltage drop in the resistance. A resistance in series or shunt with the arrester limits the current and decreases the number of gaps. Series resistance limits the current under all conditions, but although in this way protecting the arrester, it is dangerous in case of a surge. Its action is questionable on account of the inductivity of the resistance, as in case of a high-frequency stroke, series resistance will prevent free discharge, so that no effective protection is afforded to the line and connected apparatus. By shunting a different number of gaps through different resistances

the protection offered by multigap arresters for both high and low frequencies is assured, and the current between cylinders, as well as the number of cylinders themselves, is reduced.

An arrangement of this sort is shown diagrammatically in Fig. 167. As stated above a discharge across the gaps is facilitated by high frequency. This kind of discharge therefore follows the direct path across the gaps and not through the shunt resistances. With low frequency the discharge passes through a low resistance and the remaining gaps in series. If the frequency is still lower it chooses a path over a greater resistance with a less number of gaps in series, etc. This is explained by the fact that a discharge of low frequency is less opposed by a resistance than one of high frequency, the voltage being the same, and that it is still less opposed, the lower the frequency. When the discharge of low frequency breaks down, say over the high resistance, the entire voltage minus that lost in the discharge gaps acts upon the next gap division with its resistance, which is in turn broken down. A drop in voltage again follows and the remaining pressure acts upon the next division with its still lower resistance, where another discharge takes place, etc. In this way the discharge is accomplished in rapidly following parts from one end to the other of the gap row, and ceases either when the voltage is no longer sufficient to break down the next division, on account of the current in the resistance, or after the entire lightning arrester has been broken down. Breaking down of the arrester is of course not to be interpreted as destruction of the instrument, but simply as a discharge over the apparatus.

This arrangement therefore acts as efficiently for low frequency as for high.

Fig. 168 shows the arrangement of a multigap arrester with shunt resistances for a delta or star connection without grounded neutral. Each of the three main legs consists of form V-gap units, and is connected to one of the lines through a spark-gap shunted by a fuse. The other ends of the legs are joined to each other by a common or multiplex connection, from which, for ungrounded systems, a fourth leg connects to the ground. In the arrester for grounded star systems, no fourth leg is added, the multiplex connection being connected to ground. The reason for introducing the fourth leg lies in the design of the arrester which calls for two legs between line and line. If one line became accidentally grounded, the full-line potential would be thrown across one leg if the fourth or ground leg were not present. On a Y-system with a grounded neutral the acciden-

tally grounded phase causes a short-circuit of the phase and the arrester is relieved of the strain by the tripping of the oil switch. The fourth or ground leg of the arrester is usually employed when, for any reason, the system could be operated, even for a short time, with one phase grounded. The above diagram shows the three shunt resistances with their respective connections to the legs.

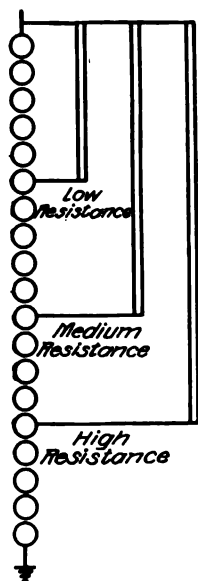


FIG. 167.—Multigap lightning arrester.

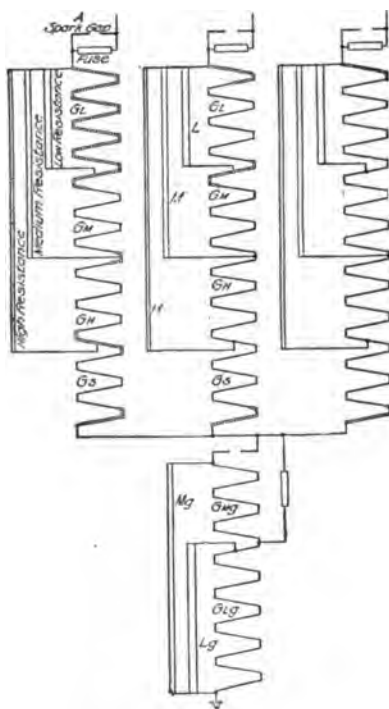


FIG. 168.—Arrangement of multigap lightning arrester for 35,000-volts delta or ungrounded star transformer connection.

When for some reason or other a high voltage in the line is not reduced by the discharges through the arrester, the device becomes exposed to destruction on account of the prolongation of the current. To prevent this the fuse is inserted, which by blowing out throws its spark-gap into series with the arrester. This allows the arrester to be adjusted to discharge at but a small percentage above the line voltage and thus to afford real protection. The blowing out of the fuse does not eliminate the protection afforded by the arrester,

because the spark-gap still preserves the connection between the arrester and the line. It merely adds a factor of safety against the destruction of the arrester. It may be repeated that the shunt resistance forces discharges of different frequencies to seek different paths to ground, so that under all conditions about the same discharge voltage exists in the apparatus.

With a low-frequency surge, when the voltage rises, and before it reaches a dangerous value the gaps G_s arc over. It will take care therefore of accumulated static and also of all disruptive discharges of small ampere-capacity. With these gaps broken down the current of the arc across them is limited by the resistance to about one-sixteenth ampere, which gives about 80 volts drop per gap. The remainder of the voltage is consumed in drop across the resistance rods, and is thus applied across the gaps in G_H . Although this voltage is less than that which broke across G_s the series resistance is less, and approximately the same number of gaps will therefore break across this lower voltage. With G_s and G_H broken down the increased current gives a smaller drop in the gaps, but twice the number of arcing gaps are now in series. Therefore, the number of gaps in G_M is made the same as in G_s and G_H . These three sections should all arc over in succession at very nearly the same voltage. It has been found that when gaps are shunted by resistance and the resistance is low enough, dynamic current will not follow a high frequency across those gaps, but will shunt at once to the resistance, i.e., over L , and not over G_L . This shows that the resistance L is practically a series resistance as far as the safety of the arrester is concerned. Should the arc pass across all the gaps following a static discharge, the number of gaps is sufficient to extinguish the arc, and this holds with each resistance, and with the gaps connected with it. That is, any current which may start across any of the resistances and the corresponding gaps would immediately be extinguished by that combination alone, without the shunting effect of other resistances, thus rendering the extinguishing of the arc doubly secure. The object of the multiple connection of the single legs of the arrester is to admit of discharge between the lines and between the lines and ground.

An equivalent needle gap is a gap which when connected in parallel with a lightning arrester just fails to discharge, forcing the discharge to pass through the arrester. It is also defined by Prof. E. E. F. Creighton as a gap which when in parallel with the arrester possesses such a value as to cause at least 90 per-cent. of the spark

discharges to pass through the device and not more than 10 per cent. across the gap. This equivalent needle gap is an indicating device for the efficiency of a lightning arrester under discharges of varying frequency. The smaller the value of the gap the more efficient is

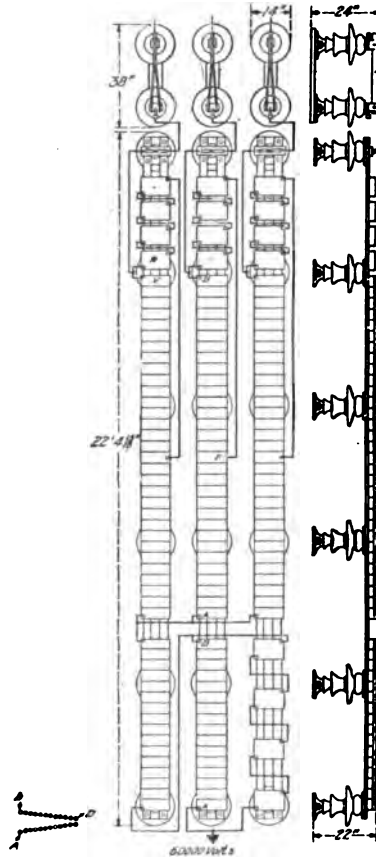


FIG. 169.—Multigap, multiplex alternating-current lightning arrester with single-blade switches for 60,000 volts three-phase delta or ungrounded star connected circuits.

the protective device. If the laying out, material and mounting of the cylinders are correctly made, the equivalent needle gap must be less than the sum of all the cylinder gaps.

Fig. 169 shows the dimensions of type G. E. from V shunt-resistance multiplex a.c. lightning arresters with single blade switches for station use for 50,000 and 60,000 volts. The arrangement is for

a three-phase delta or star-connected circuit without grounded neutral. On account of its great length, the fourth leg between the multiplex point and ground is divided into three parts at the lower end of the three legs. A disconnecting switch is necessary to facilitate disconnection from the line for inspection or repairing. The gap unites *V* and resistances *R* are mounted on porcelain bases supported by means of wooden strips on line insulators. The number of gap units depends upon the length of the line, the nature of the country through which it passes, this referring to elevation, neighborhood of trees, passage through cities or open country, etc., upon the insulation of the line, and also upon the voltage and load of the system. Each transmission line therefore calls for special consideration. More precise adjustment of the arrester is made by means of the spark-gap between line and arrester.

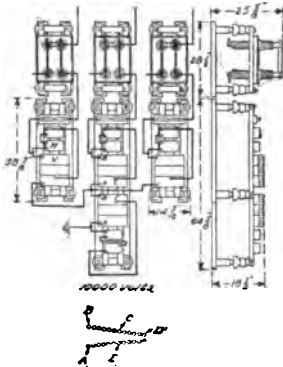


FIG. 170.—Multigap, multiplex alternating-current lightning arrester with single-blade switches for 10,000 volts three-phase delta or ungrounded star connected circuits.

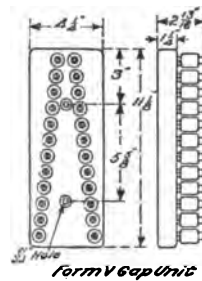


FIG. 171.—Form V-gap unit.

Fig. 170 gives the dimensions of a similar device with double-blade switches, built for 10,000 volts. Of the two disconnecting switches, which are mounted on a common base, one is for the lightning arrester, and the other for the line itself.

One of the gap units of form V is shown in Fig. 171 mounted on a porcelain base.

Fig. 172 shows the adjustable spark-gap which is used with each leg of a multigap multiplex arrester.

A double-pole multigap device for 3000 volts is shown in Fig. 173. In order to save space the shunt resistances are placed in slips directly

over the gaps. Between poles the porcelain base is shaped to form a barrier. This device can be made suitable for use with 1000 or 2000 volts by short-circuiting one or more series gaps on each side of the ground connection, as shown in the cut.

Cables installed underground are generally lead covered so as to protect the insulation against rough handling or chemical injury. Although such cables are not exposed directly to atmospheric disturbances, they are nevertheless subject to oscillations and surges caused by switching, load variation, etc., which may puncture the insulation at weak points. This is liable to produce sparking between the cables and their grounded lead covering which, on account of the energy back of them, may result in burning up of the insulation of these and adjacent cables. Puncturing of the insulation and spark-

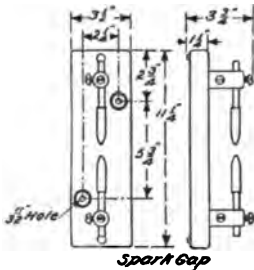


FIG. 172.—Spark gap.



FIG. 173.—1000- and 2000-volt multiplex multigap lightning arrester.

ing may also take place due to the gradual accumulation of static charges on the lead covering, which are discharged from time to time without detection until finally the entire insulation becomes damaged. It is therefore desirable to ground the lead covering as often as possible. Sparking between cable and covering or ground brings about a series of successive impulses which must be eliminated from the cables by static dischargers. In a combination of overhead and underground transmission lines of high capacity and inductance, oscillations of high frequency may occur without detection by the ordinary switchboard instruments, which may seriously endanger the insulation of the whole system. Protection against such con-

tingencies is afforded by the static dischargers. Multigap arresters also possess the capacity of protection against static discharges, a function which is accomplished by the high resistance with a few gaps in series, the remaining gaps and resistances not being necessary when only static discharges are required.

Fig. 174 illustrates a static discharger for 15,000 volts built on the lines of the multigap arresters.

In regard to the installation of arresters, a number of points must be kept in mind. For 5000 volts or more as much space as possible should be provided on the wall and in front of the arresters for their inspection and the safe operation of the disconnecting switches. Very often specially constructed high compartments or separate towers are provided for safe and efficient mounting of the high-tension apparatus.

The following table gives the proper spacing between lightning arresters as recommended by the General Electric Company:

SPACING BETWEEN LIGHTNING ARRESTERS

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Volts	Distance in inches between live parts of adjacent phases	Minimum distance between centers (see note)
7,600	8 inches	28 inches
12,250	8 inches	28 inches
13,500	8 inches	33 inches
17,000	10 inches	35 inches
22,000	12 inches	37 inches
27,000	18 inches	48 inches
32,000	22 inches	52 inches
37,000	26 inches	56 inches
40,000	28 inches	62 inches
45,000	32 inches	67 inches
50,000	36 inches	72 inches
60,000	40 inches	78 inches

NOTE.—If barriers are used, the width of barriers should be added to distances given.

The place where the arresters are mounted should be dry and warm, and before mounting all wooden parts and insulators should be thoroughly dried. It is advisable to place brick, asbestos or soapstone barriers between the legs on the line side of the multiplex

connection. The latter connection and shunt leads for the resistances must be kept away from the barriers, and the arresters must be separated from the barriers by a space corresponding to the normal line voltage, as the barriers are to be regarded simply as fire protectors rather than absolute insulators. There should be no doors in the front of barrier compartments. For single-phase only two legs, for three-phase three legs, and for two-phase four-wire circuits four legs are necessary, the leg between the multiplex connection and ground remaining the same in each case. Good ground connections are essential to proper operation of lightning arresters. These connections and the arresters themselves must be inspected from time to time to make certain that they are in proper condition.

The Westinghouse Company produces a lightning arrester similar to those above described, under the name of low equivalent a.c. lightning arrester. This device consists of three parts, namely:

1. Series gap, a number of gap units in series.
2. Shunted gaps, and shunt resistance in multiple.
3. Series resistances.

The connections between the three parts are as in Fig. 175. The gaps are formed by cylinders of non-arcing metal mounted between two porcelain holders, and all gap units and resistances are mounted on a marble base. (See Fig. 176.) The action of this arrester is as follows: When a discharge takes place in which all the series gaps are broken down, it meets opposition in the shunt resistance and passes over the shunted gap to earth through the series resistance. The arc which momentarily follows the discharge is then withdrawn from the shunted gap by the shunt resistance, and aided by both resistances is suppressed by the series gaps. The potential at which a discharge takes place is determined by the number of series gaps, a sufficient number of which is used to withstand the normal voltage, and yet give a proper factor of safety for the severest service. The use of shunted gaps is to provide a by-pass for the lightning discharge which otherwise would meet opposition in the shunt resistance. The use of the shunt resistance is twofold, first, to withdraw the arc from the shunted gaps after the passage of the discharge, and secondly to reduce the volume of the arc so that the series gaps, too few in number to act successfully unaided, can, with this assistance, suppress the arc. The small series resistance limits the initial current that follows the discharge and thus prevents burning of the cylinders. An auxiliary spark-gap used in connection with the arrester permits adjustment within certain limits. Fig. 177 is a

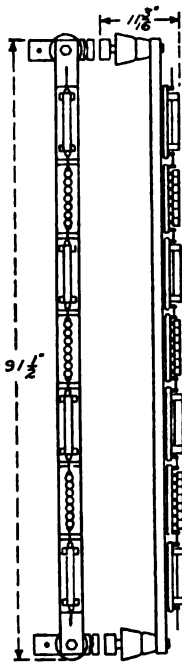


FIG. 174.—Alternating-current static discharger.

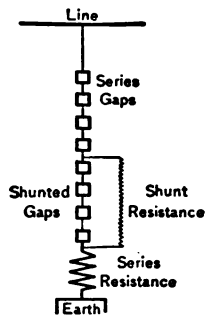


FIG. 175.—Diagram of low equivalent alternating-current lightning arrester.



FIG. 176.—Low equivalent lightning arrester.

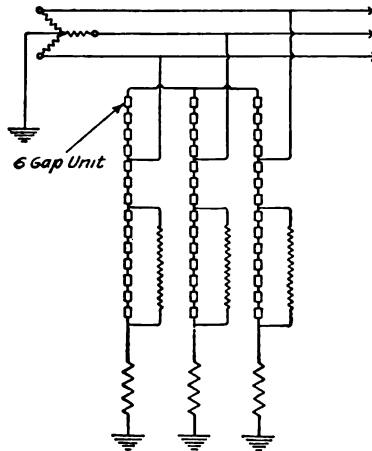


FIG. 177.—Connection of low equivalent lightning arresters to an 18,000-volt three-phase star-connected circuit with grounded neutral.

wiring diagram for the Westinghouse low-equivalent lightning arrester in connection with a three-phase line with Y connection and grounded neutral. Provision is made for easy discharge between the lines themselves. The space between active parts of adjacent arresters connected to different sides of the circuit should not be less than the distance designated in the following table:

SPACING BETWEEN LIGHTNING ARRESTERS

Voltage		Distance between active parts in inches
Exceeding	Not exceeding	
5,700	8,500	6
8,500	12,500	7
12,500	18,000	9
18,000	25,000	12
25,000	29,000	15
29,000	37,000	20

For low tension and particularly for distributors for lighting and traction, the Westinghouse Company uses type C arrester. It is a double-pole multigap device with non-arcing metal cylinders, and is built for tensions of 500 to 2500 volts. It consists of seven independent cylinders of non-arcing metal carried on porcelain supports forming a unit which is mounted in a weatherproof cast-iron case. This type is used on circuits of a capacity not exceeding 200 kilowatts within a radius of 2 miles of the source of power.

Another type of multigap arrester is shown in Fig 178 as produced by the Stanley Electric Company. It consists of a nest of concentric cylinders of brass or other high melting-point metal with flaring upper ends. The line terminal is at the center of this group, and the ground connection at the outside. When line current follows a static discharge, it takes the narrowest gap space of the arrester. At the same time a current of air is established through the many small holes in the bottom and top supporting porcelains. This draft pushes the arc upward when, by reason of the attenuation of the arc and the greater cooling surface of these gaps, the short-circuit is broken.

In practice, it has been shown that the multigap arrester has been

giving good service, particularly on moderate voltages, but it has natural limitations. For instance, while it is sensitive and effective in taking care of momentary disturbances, it cannot be expected to discharge continuously for long periods as in the case of accidental ground on a normally ungrounded circuit.

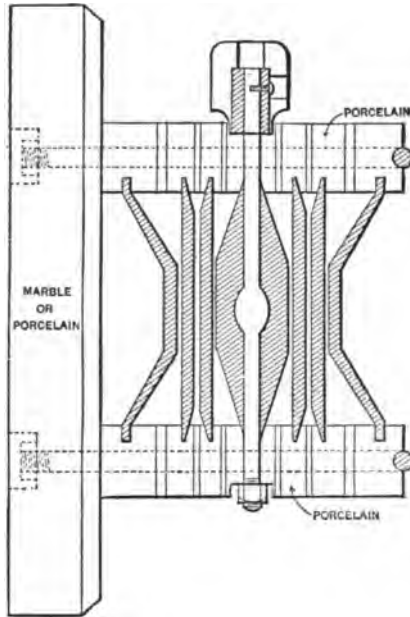


FIG. 178.—Metal multigap type of lightning arrester with diverging sides. (Stanley Electric Co.)

HORN ARRESTER

This type of protective device has not proved of any great value in practice. It serves as an emergency device rather than as a normal protective apparatus. If the horn is connected to the line without resistance the arc short-circuits the apparatus for a time until it is ruptured by being driven to the upper ends of the horns through the magnetic and heat effects. If it is connected to a resistance of sufficient size to prevent it from causing considerable voltage drop by diminishing the current, its protective value becomes smaller. When a horn device discharges to ground without resistance the machines are thrown out of synchronism, and must be restarted. If a fuse is joined with the horn, the combination can

offer protection for maximum voltage only as long as the fuse is not blown out, which results in lack of protection in storms when the fuses cannot be replaced. However, several fuses may be joined to the horn, so that when one is blown out, another can be inserted by means of a switch. But this arrangement makes the fuses, and not the horn, the actual protective device. The arc in the horn gap can cause more serious damage than the original disturbances. Under certain conditions it is apt to cause very high strains, so that the horn becomes the cause and not the preventative of a disturbance. The only proper application of horn lightning arresters is along



FIG. 179.—Horn gap arrester with a disconnecting switch.

transmission lines where they serve to protect the insulators, and not in the station. To protect an insulator, a gap of such value is chosen that will cause the sparking to occur across the horn rather than around the insulator. At all events if trouble occurs around an insulator the system is disturbed whether the gap is there or not, the only difference being that with the horn the trouble is of short duration, while without it the line may be tied up for a longer period of time until the broken insulator is found and replaced.

If we endeavor to deal with static charges by means of horn arresters, we must choose a very high resistance in series with the horn. In consequence of the spark gap, the apparatus will not commence to operate until the static charges have risen to a value which is already

dangerous for the plant. In general, all arresters including a spark gap do not operate properly for high-frequency discharges the voltage of which is below that for which it has been adjusted. Hence high-frequency discharges which may have only a pressure of 1000 volts may already be extremely dangerous. This explains why some users of horn arresters have noticed that their transformers or

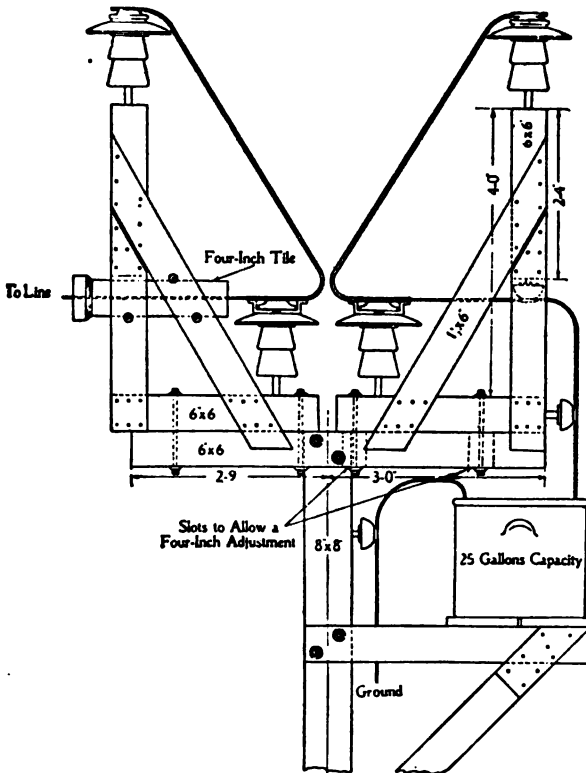


FIG. 180.—Construction of the Horn Gap arrester used by the American River Electric Co.

machines have burnt out without any discharge having taken place across the horn arrester, as the potential difference at the high frequency is applied between two wires situated in the same tunnel of the rotor, or in the same coil of the transformer.

In constructing horns and proportioning the air-gap, care must be taken that the arc is driven upward and not downward, as not only the heat of the arc, but also its magnetic effect, tends to drive it outward.

Fig. 179 shows a horn arrangement used with an aluminum lightning arrester. Note that one side is built out in the form of a movable disconnecting switch lever.

The construction of the horn type of arrester as used by the American River Electric Company is shown in Fig. 180. The horns are of galvanized iron gas pipe and separated 2.25 inches for 40,000 volts. A jar of water covered with oil is used as a resistance in the ground wire. The oil of course is to reduce the evaporation. The arresters are mounted on wooden poles outside of the station.

Another diagram is shown in Fig. 181. This is the type used by the Standard Electric Company, of California, for 40,000 volt transmission lines. It consists of a gap formed between two horns and a tank of salt water, with an induction coil resistance in the

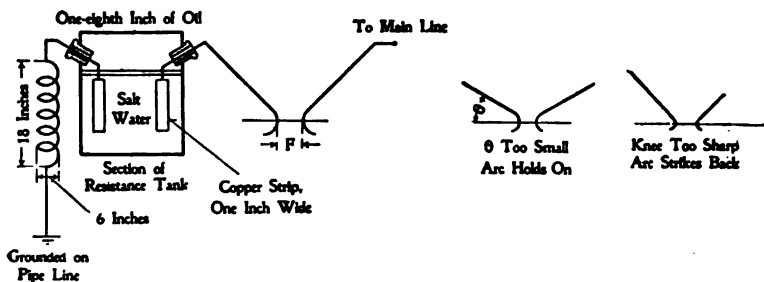


FIG. 181.—Construction of horn arresters used by the Standard Electric Co.

ground connection. The horns are of No. 0000 copper wire mounted on ordinary line insulators. Copper strips are immersed in the salt water resistance. The reactor is a coil 6 inches in diameter, and has 18 turns and the air-gap for the 40,000 volt device is made 3 to 3.25 inches wide. The curve of the knee is of great importance in the operation of the device. Fig. 181 illustrates two horns which are bent improperly, the angle of the first being too small, so that the arc remains in the gap, and the second having too sharp a crook in the knee, in which case the arc either remains stationary or jumps back again across the gap after having been driven upward.

Another disadvantage of this type of arrester is the fact that at low voltages the gap must be made so small that it becomes difficult to maintain it constant, for dirt, dust and insects quite readily collect in it and change its width, which materially reduces the value of the apparatus.

In fact it is impossible, in practice, to use a smaller gap than $1/4$

in. To produce an arc of 1/4-in. length, a potential difference of 17,000 volts is necessary. Thus arrester protection is illusory when used for a line voltage far below 17,000 volts.

MAGNETIC BLOWOUT PROTECTIVE DEVICES

One of the first lightning arresters to come into practical use was that invented in 1884 by Prof. Elihu Thomson. This apparatus was so arranged that if a current followed a static discharge to earth, it was made to pass through the winding of an electromagnet, which then excited a strong magnetic field about the gap, with the result that the arc was immediately blown out.

For direct current use this type of device is now used almost exclusively. The gap is in series with a resistance of low inductance. By providing a direct path for the discharge the possibility of short-circuit in the box in which the device is enclosed is reduced to a minimum when the discharges are especially severe. The connections to d.c. converters and feeders are shown in Figs. 1, 5, 12, 13, and 34. When the device is installed on the line it is usually enclosed in a wooden box supported on the poles carrying the transmission line. This type is used for voltages up to 6000 volts. A spark-gap on top of the porcelain casing is used to adjust for voltage.

ELECTROLYTIC LIGHTNING ARRESTERS

(a) Aluminum devices.

As this type of apparatus passed the experimental stage only a few years ago, there has not been sufficient opportunity to test it under all conditions. But wherever it has been applied it has proven to be of particular value for static discharges or successive impulses. Although these devices do not displace wholly the multigap arresters, their adaptability to taking up static discharges renders their use necessary if complete protection is looked for. Consideration of the aluminum-cell arrester is recommended in cases where the older types of arrester have proved to be inadequate. The aluminum arrester is particularly adapted for use on station busses, thus protecting all the feeders.

The construction of the aluminum type of arrester is based on the following principles. If an aluminum plate and another plate of some other metal be immersed in a suitable electrolyte, the resulting cell will have the property of passing current in practically

only one direction. Only a very small fraction of the current is passed in the opposite direction until the applied voltage reaches a certain value. After this limit has been exceeded, however, the current rises much more rapidly with respect to the e.m.f. than Ohm's law would indicate. This action is explained by the presence of a thin dielectric hydroxide film on the surface of the aluminum plate. If both plates were of aluminum, the action of the cell would be analogous to that of a steam safety valve. The device prevents the current as long as the pressure lies below a certain limiting value, but as soon as this limit is exceeded a very large current is established, which continues until the pressure again falls below its critical point. With a suitable electrolyte the above-mentioned dielectric film will be capable of resisting from 335 to 360 volts tension for alternating current.



FIG. 182.—Electrolytic lightning arrester.

However, this voltage will vary considerably with the nature of the electrolyte. When a cell is connected permanently to the circuit two conditions are involved, one of which may be distinguished as the temporary critical voltage, and the other as the permanent critical voltage. If the cell has volts applied to it constantly below the permanent critical voltage and then this voltage suddenly increases, there will be a considerable rush of current until the film thickness has been increased to withstand the increased voltage. This action will occur at any potential up to about

the permanent critical voltage. Above this value the film is broken down at innumerable points and a flow of current will thus be established.

If the voltage is again reduced below the permanent critical value, say to 300 volts, the excess thickness of film will be gradually dissolved.

The permanent critical voltage of any aluminum tray having a fixed value, it is possible by connecting the trays in series to provide collective resistance to any desired degree.

Fig. 182 shows how the aluminum plates are arranged in their

cylindrical steel tanks. The trays are placed one above the other and spaced so that a very large portion of their surfaces is covered with electrolyte. The complete immersion of the filled trays in transformer oil provides for insulation and cooling and prevents evaporation of electrolyte. The volume of oil in the tank must be sufficient to absorb the heat of a continuous discharge for an exceedingly long period.

When an aluminum cell is disconnected from the circuit a part of the film is dissolved by electrolysis. Thus when such a cell is again reconnected to the circuit, there is a momentary rush of current which reforms that part of the film which had dissolved. This current rush will have increasing values as the intervals of rest of the cell are made greater. Suitable means have to be provided with the arresters for throwing them directly on the line and thus keeping the film always in good condition. On the other hand, were the arrester permanently connected to the line a small current flow or "leakage" would destroy the plates in a short time. A spark gap adjusted for the required voltage is therefore inserted between the line and the cell.

The horn gaps placed between the aluminum cells and the line have to serve a triple function.

First.—As fixed gaps in series with the cells, they prevent the arrester from being subjected continually to the normal line voltage which would result ultimately in overheating the cells.

Second.—They may act as disconnecting switches to disconnect the arrester from the line for repairs, inspection, etc.

Third.—They can be used as a connecting switch for daily testing and charging to rebuild the dissolved part of the film.

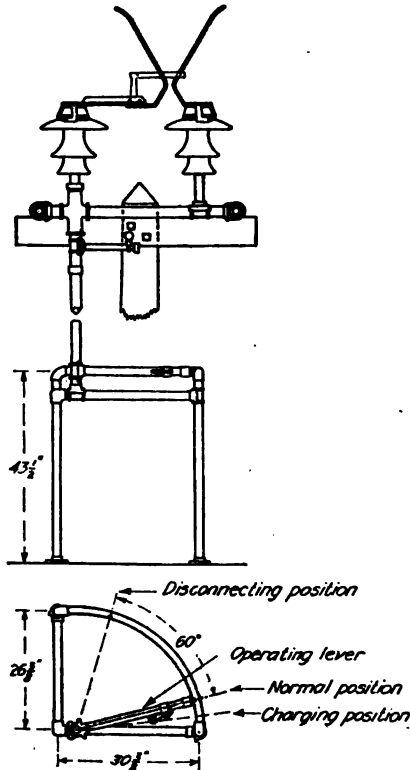


FIG. 183.—Horn gap disconnecting switch for aluminum arresters.

The construction of the horn gap to perform the foregoing functions is made different to suit the conditions of line voltage. See Figs. 179 and 183.

Some horn gaps possess a common rotating shaft with three metallic projectors which, when the shaft is rotated, bridge the three gaps of the three horns simultaneously so that the three-phase legs are charged at the same time. For higher voltages, say over 7250 volts, each pair of horns is clamped firmly to petticoat insulators, one insulator being fixed rigidly to the pipe frame, while the insulator carrying the other side of the horn can be turned about on its own axis. All three of the movable insulators are joined by a connecting-rod so that they move simultaneously. To prevent a discharge on a leg of the arrester from continuing indefinitely, fuses must be inserted to protect the arrester. These detachable fuses are also used as a disconnecting feature of the arrester.

The number of units or cells containing the aluminum trays used differs with the voltage of the system and depends on the grounding or ungrounding of the neutral.

In an arrester for a grounded neutral circuit, each stack of trays normally receives the neutral potential when the arrester discharges, but if a phase becomes grounded accidentally the line voltage is thrown across each of the other stacks of trays until the oil switch opens the circuit. The line voltage is 173 per cent. of the neutral or normal operating voltage of the cells and therefore about 150 per cent. of the permanent critical voltage of each cell. This means that when a grounded phase occurs this 50 per cent. excess dynamic potential is short-circuited through the cells until the oil switch opens. The amount of energy to be dissipated in the arrester depends upon the kilowatt capacity of the generator, the internal resistance of the cell and the time required to operate the oil switch. The greater the amount of resistance in the neutral the longer will be the time required for the oil switch to trip.

Therefore, when the grounding resistance in the neutral is great enough to prevent the oil switch from opening instantaneously, an arrester for a non-grounded neutral system should be installed. No mistake will be made in adopting the four-tank arrester even on grounded Y-circuits.

Arresters for circuits with thoroughly grounded neutrals have three stacks of trays. The bases of the stack of trays are connected to the tanks and grounded. Up to voltages of 7250 volts (Westinghouse Company uses up to 13,200 volts) all the trays are mounted in a

single tank, but for higher voltages each stack is mounted in a separate tank. For non-grounded circuits the arresters have four stacks, the bases of which are connected in multiple. The fourth stack is between the multiplex connection and the ground, the object being to give the same protection between the line and line as between line and ground. The fourth stack usually carries a transfer device which permits the interchange of the ground stack with one of the line stacks during the operation of charging.

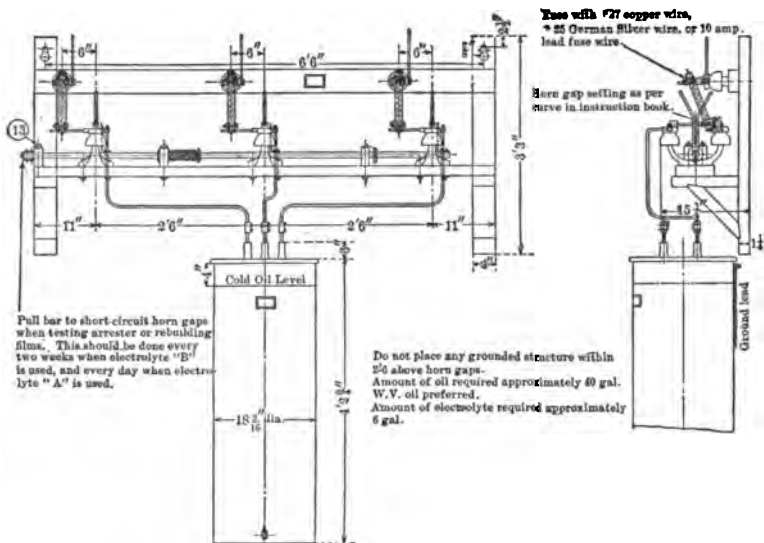


FIG. 184.—Aluminum arrester for 7000-volts and grounded neutral.

The installation of the arrester indoors is recommended for all potentials, whether high, low or medium. For high voltage the horn gaps are mounted out-of-doors on account of insufficient overhead space.

An out-of-door installation of the arrester may render the arrester less efficient due to the liability that the electrolyte will freeze and therefore increase their resistance. There is also the further liability of mechanical injury and lack of proper attendance if the arrester is located out-of-doors.

Fig. 184 shows an aluminum arrester for 7000 volts and grounded neutral. Fig. 185 represents a 47,000 volt aluminum arrester for a three-phase ungrounded neutral system.

The following equipment was recently installed in a 60,000-volt plant. Each branch of the three-phase circuit is provided with three horns. The first is grounded by a 6-foot fuse, which is



FIG. 185.—Electrolytic lightning arrester for 7000-volts three-phase ungrounded neutral with horn gaps open.

positive and effective in operation. And the second is in series with a resistance consisting of concrete blocks. The third is in

series with an aluminum arrester which is expected to take up all static discharges and impulses in times of storm.

(b) Liquid electrode arrester.

The above name has been adopted for this type of apparatus to distinguish it from aluminum arresters, which, though they also contain a liquid electrolyte, operate in an entirely different manner. As was noted above, the discharges in the aluminum type are regulated by a dielectric film. In the liquid electrode type, however, according to the inventor, Prof. E. E. F. Creighton,¹ the electrolyte itself plays the main part. The following discussion must necessarily be restricted to a somewhat general description, as the apparatus has hardly emerged from the experimental stage, so that no results of practical importance have as yet been obtainable. The arrester discharges only at a critical limiting voltage, and at the same

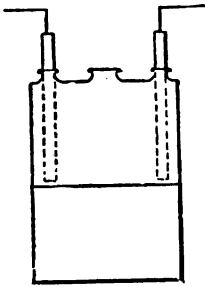


FIG. 186.—Liquid electrode cell.

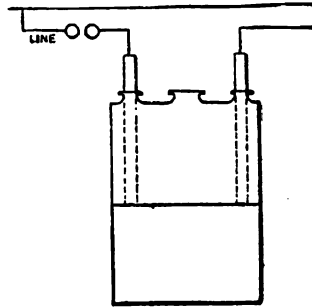


FIG. 187.—Liquid electrode arrester.

time reduces or entirely suppresses the machine current, at normal voltage, without a series resistance. A very high pressure of about 1500 volts is required to establish a current through the electrolyte from one electrode to the other, and the current is limited by the counter e.m.f. of the arc. One cell of a liquid electrode arrester is shown in Fig. 186, in which the electrodes form small gaps with the electrolyte. Experiments have shown that several hundred static discharges of 1000 amp. starting current will pass between the electrodes before any considerable machine current follows the discharges. The combined counter e.m.f. of all the cells is greater than the line voltage. Therefore, sparking will not cause arcing. The cell has a critical limiting voltage below which no discharge

¹"New Principles in the Design of Lightning Arresters," E. E. F. Creighton, Proc. A. I. E. E., March 2, 1907.

is possible and no current can exist. By adjusting the spark-gaps, the critical voltage of the cells may be regulated. If the electrodes dip into the electrolyte, an outside spark-gap must be connected in series with the cell in order to keep back the normal pressure, which is set for the given voltage limit. (See Fig. 187.) When a high pressure breaks down the spark-gap and reaches the electrodes, arcs are formed at their ends which drive the electrolyte away, thus automatically increasing the length of the arcs. Since the arc voltage is greater than the impressed voltage, the current quickly dies out. The series gap keeps out the normal pressure, whereupon the electrolyte recovers its original horizontal position touching the electrodes.

The arc voltage depends upon the length of the arc, and this in turn upon the value of the current causing the depressions in the surface of the electrolyte.

Objections to both types of electrolytic arresters have been raised, namely: that they will freeze when exposed to the weather, and that under heavy discharges they may be shattered just as a tree or transmission-line pole is destroyed by lightning. To prevent freezing the arresters may be placed in boxes or ditches below the freezing line. In regard to exploding all that can be said is that the device has been too little used to justify any conclusions.

CONDENSERS

High-frequency discharges confined only to overhead lines do not constitute such danger from the point of view of any high potential which they may produce but only because their effect on the alternators or transformers is necessarily concentrated upon the first few turns of the windings. Even pressures which are lower than the working pressure greatly endanger the windings if they are of high-frequency nature. It is therefore necessary to produce a zero potential for high frequency at the entrance of the lines into the station and a suitable self-induction (see Choke Coils) which reflects back the wave on the line without permitting it to enter the station; these reflected waves diminish in amplitude and are finally absorbed by the ohmic resistance of the line.

A suitable condenser has to be inserted to produce the required zero potential. This condenser is placed on the ground and in consequence of the short ground-wire between the protective apparatus and the ground-plate the same is at zero potential. The condenser is known as the only apparatus having a resistance which is inversely

proportional to the frequency of the current, and therefore it produces a zero point of potential for every high-frequency disturbance at the point where the line enters the station, that is to say, it constitutes a dead ground for all kinds of surge tensions, while simultaneously offering an enormous resistance to the passage of the line current to ground.

The Société Générale des Condensateurs in Fribourg, Switzerland, produces the Moscicki condenser which is especially adapted for the foregoing purpose.

The older condensers, which are made up of some dielectric with coatings composed of metal foil, the contact between the metallic

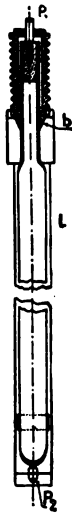
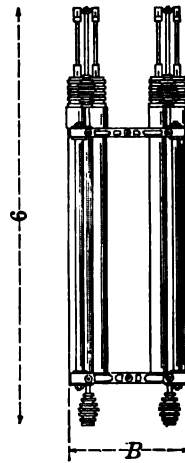


FIG. 188.—The Moscicki condenser.



FIG. 189.—Moscicki condenser battery.



coating and the dielectric are not entirely satisfactory because the enclosed air particles and the gases produced by the decomposition of the sticking medium are set in vibration and eventually they separate the coating from the dielectric and produce a puncture of the latter. In all condensers which have the edge of the coating exposed to air, brush discharges are produced which pass from the outer coating to the inner coating over the surface of the dielectric. In a little while these discharges bring about the destruction of the condenser. These troubles with the older condensers checked the commercial use of such apparatus for protective purposes until the

Moscicki condenser came on the market. This condenser consists of a glass tube (see Fig. 188) thickened at the neck, where the edges of the coating are situated, because it has been found that at this spot the static tension is much greater than elsewhere. The coating is produced by the chemical deposition of silver which is afterward plated with copper, and it does not enclose any air space.

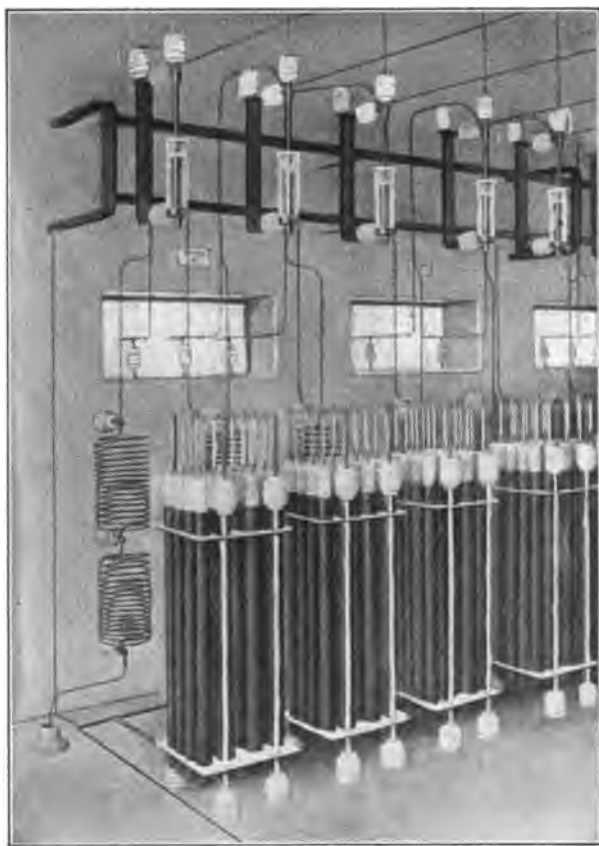


FIG. 190.—Condenser batteries on outgoing lines of a 13,500-volt generating station.

The neck of the condenser is fixed inside a high-tension porcelain insulator, and the space between the neck and insulator is filled with an insulating compound. The edge of the coating is completely buried in this mass in order to avoid the surface discharge.

Each condenser is mounted in a brass or copper tube, the space

between the condenser and tube being filled with a non-freezing mixture of water and glycerine so that any local heating which might

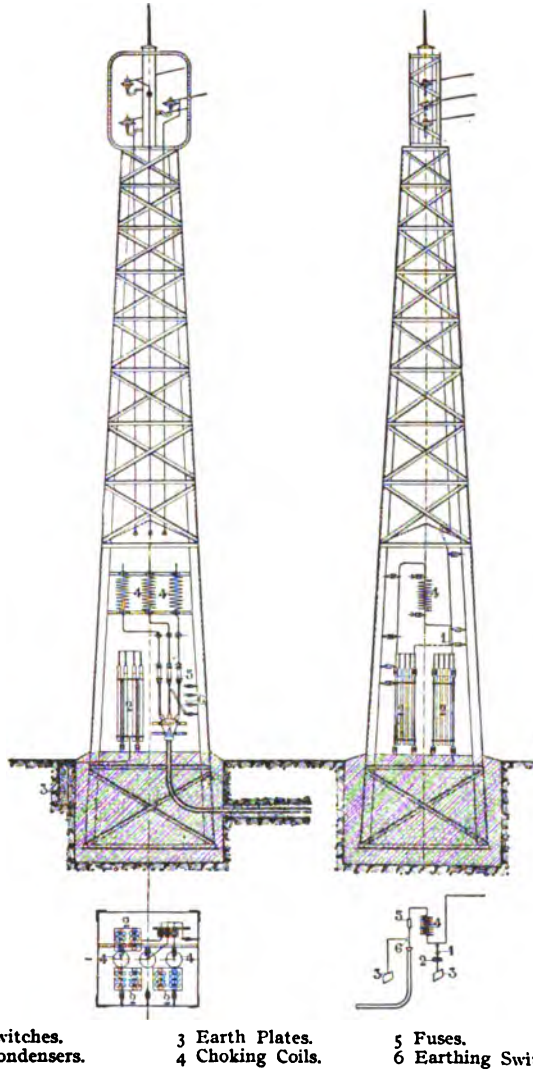


FIG. 191.—Tower construction for junction between cable and overhead line with condenser batteries.

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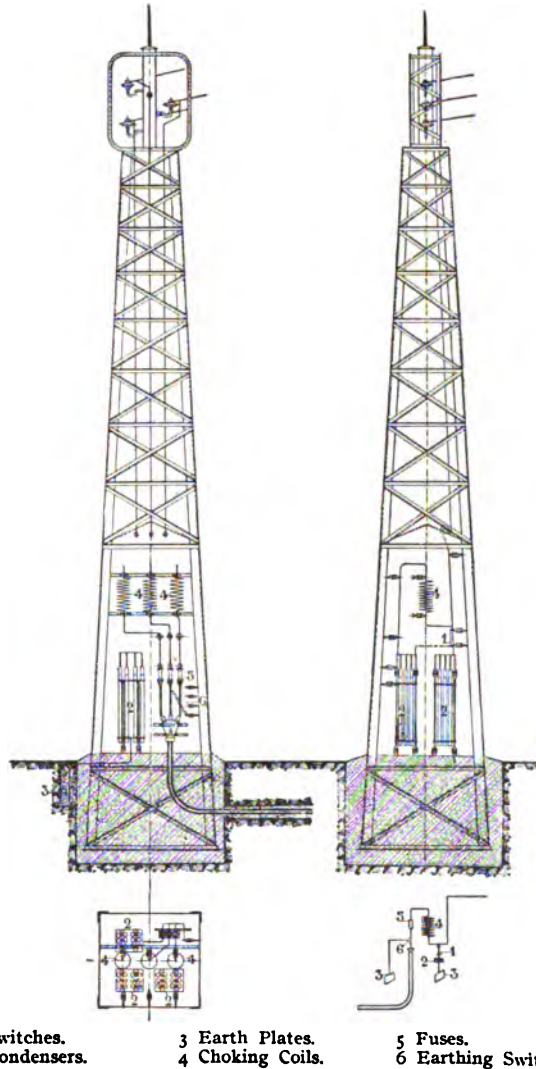


FIG. 191.—Tower construction for junction between cable and overhead line with condenser batteries.

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These tube condensers can be conveniently grouped according to the protection requirements of different-sized batteries (see Fig. 189). Each condenser is provided with its own fuse in such a way that should one tube puncture, the fuse will blow and the other condenser tubes will still remain in the circuit.

The upper paralleling bars of the batteries are connected to the line and the frame of the apparatus to ground. Fig. 190 shows the installation of condenser batteries on outgoing lines of a 13,500-volt generating station. The generating station belongs to a system comprising 434 miles of overhead lines and more than 250 transformersub-stations all entirely protected by condenser batteries. The halftone shows also the use of choke coils and liquid disconnecting switches. These switches make it impossible that at the closing or breaking of the connection between line and condenser battery there should be capacity in series with a spark-gap, an arrangement which would temporarily reproduce dangerous surges.

Fig. 191 shows a tower construction for junction between cable and overhead lines with condenser batteries protection.

REACTIVE COILS

High reactance in the line will break down any surge or wave trying to enter a station. Part of the wave is reflected, and part is allowed to pass. The latter portion must not exceed a value determined by the insulation of the station apparatus. Another way of expressing this function is: to lower the frequency of the oscillation so that whatever charge gets through the choke coil will be of a frequency too low to cause a serious drop of potential around the first turns of the end coil in either generator or transformer. A high reactance will also hold up a wave in point of time long enough to give the lightning arrester an opportunity to discharge.

A reactor is a device of high reactance designed to give protection against disturbances occurring when the line is carried overhead. Such coils are of no value for disturbances in underground cables or in the station. Each feeder in the station, however, should be provided with one of these coils. They are always used with lightning arresters, one arrester sometimes being placed on each side of the coil to hold up both inside and outside disturbances.

Strains at the transformer or other connections due to switching, grounding or short-circuit, make it advisable to protect the station apparatus by using reactors for the individual pieces or groups

instead of building them into the main feeders to protect the whole station, as done heretofore.

The coil should be so arranged that if continual surges are set up in the circuit, a resonant voltage due to the presence of the choke coil cannot build up at the transformer or generator terminals. This factor is often the menace to the insulation of machines. The coil has to be installed in such a way that surges which originate in a transformer will be prevented from passing to the lightning arrester.

Some engineers recommend the use of reactors of few turns, that is, of medium reactance. The turns are insulated from each other

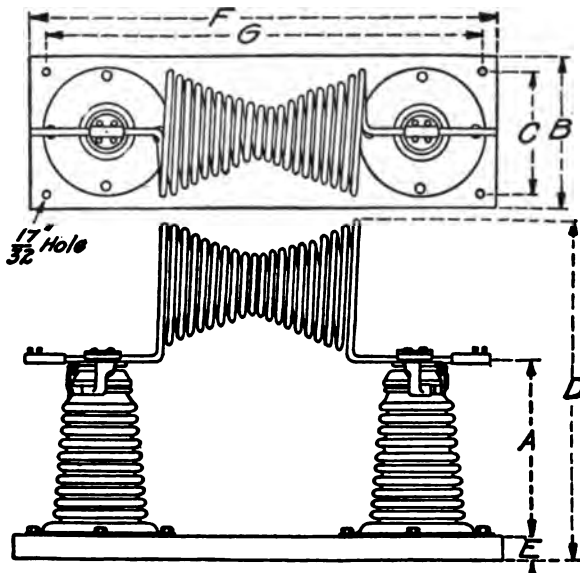


FIG. 192.—Choke coil up to 60,000 volts.

by air space which prevents permanent short-circuit, and they must therefore not be spaced too closely. In constructing these coils great attention must be paid toward providing sufficient radiating or cooling surface, in order that the heat generated may not weaken the insulation and cause a breakdown at high pressures.

Fig. 192 illustrates a type of choke coil used up to 60,000 volts. Those on circuits not exceeding 6600 volts are made of several turns of insulated wire, while for voltages above 6600 volts the hour-glass type with air-insulated turns is used and the coil is mounted on a steel, slate or marble base.

The Westinghouse Company produces a similar choke coil made of aluminium rod wound into a helix of about 15 inches in diameter and having twenty turns. The coil is thoroughly insulated, supported on two insulators which are mounted on a wooden base. Such coils are used for potentials of from 2200 to 110,000 volts on transformers and station wiring, but they are not recommended on account of their lesser effectiveness for the protection of generators.



FIG. 194.—Type of choke coil with support.

In Figs. 31 and 32 there are shown a number of copper coils which serve the same purpose as reactors, and which are used for d.c. feeders.

To sum up: a reactor will protect apparatus in the station against high frequency fluctuations, but it offers absolutely no protection against static discharges or low frequencies. This is due to the fact that the reactance of the coil is limited as it must be less than that allowable for the normal line voltage.

Fig. 194 shows the Westinghouse form 7 reactance coil, built for 2500 to 25,000 volts and 260 amp. capacity. They are air-cooled and have a large number of turns, and therefore high inductance, since for high-tension apparatus a greater "reactive effect" is required. For voltages over 25,000 volts the Westinghouse coil is oil-cooled.

It contains a much larger number of turns than the air-cooled device, and hence has a higher inductance. Since there is a tendency with high inductance for the discharge to jump across from turn to turn, a high insulation of the winding is essential.

THE GROUNDED WIRE

Although this treatise is properly confined to central and sub-station installation arrangements, it may not be out of place to devote some attention to a protective device which serves mostly to shield the transmission lines themselves, but which affects the stations indirectly. This device is known as the grounded wire for overhead lines. In a body possessing perfect conductivity no disturbances of outside origin can be produced. If, therefore, a transmission line were encased in a grounded electrical conducting shell, electrostatic and other atmospheric influences would be eliminated. Precisely this is the condition attained in cables buried underground. But as the cables cannot always be laid in this position, the ground can be raised to the wire by an auxiliary grounded wire or series of wires. The theory of the shielding action of ground wires according to Mr. Ralph D. Mershon¹ is as follows:

The electrostatic induction of the clouds induces a bound static charge on the transmission line opposed in sign to that in the clouds, and at the same time liberates a free charge of the same sign. The free charge has a tendency to pass to earth. It will pass by gradual leakage over and through the insulation of the system provided the approach of the cloud is slow enough to give time for such leakage. If not it might puncture the insulation and thus pass to earth. The intensity of the charge will depend upon the potential of the line wires, due to the charge of the cloud. Suppose that there be near the transmission wires other wires parallel to them and grounded at frequent intervals. They also will be subject to the inductive action, and the charge set free upon them will pass to earth as fast as liberated, the bound charge of the opposite sign of that of the cloud remaining, and depending for its magnitude on the potential due to the cloud and the electrostatic capacity of the grounded wires. Under these conditions the intensity of the charge on the transmission wires will no longer depend only upon the potential due to the cloud, but upon the combined action of the charge of the cloud and the

¹ Ralph D. Mershon, "The Grounded Wire as a Protection Against Lightning," *Pr. A. I. E. E.*, 1903.

bound charge of the grounded wires. The potential of the line wires will be equal to the difference of the potentials due respectively to the cloud and the grounded wires, and will in general be less than that due to the cloud. Suppose now that the cloud be discharged by a lightning flash to earth. The bound charge on the line will suddenly be set free, and if the ground wire were not present, this suddenly released charge might puncture the insulation in order to reach ground. But as auxiliary ground wires are provided there will be less tendency toward the puncture of the insulation of the system, because of the fact that the impressed potential of the line wires is less with the grounded wires than without them. The liberated charge in the ground wire passes to earth. This charge is obstructed more or less by the inductance of the discharge path, the effectiveness of this inductive obstruction depending upon the suddenness with which the cloud discharges. The worst condition would be that under which the charge on the ground wires could not pass to ground at all, in which case the sum of the two charges of the line wires will be just equal to that which would have existed if there were no ground wires.

The grounded wire affords even more effective protection against electrostatic accumulations from wind and rain, and against the potential difference between the atmospheric strata due to the different altitudes through which the line passes. The use of grounded wires, therefore, greatly relieves the stress which can be thrown on the station apparatus, and reduces the duty required of the station lightning arresters. It also protects the poles from direct stroke by leading the discharge to ground without damage to the line insulators. These wires are, to a certain extent, a protection against electromagnetic as well as electrostatic effects of lightning discharges in the neighborhood of the transmission line, as they are interlocked inductively with the main line, so that a part of the energy of the wave train is absorbed. The result is a rapid fall of the wave.

The grounded wires are usually of galvanized iron of sufficient size to offer a slight resistance to the discharge, and to be self-supporting. The latter property is important, for a break of the wire might cause considerable trouble in the transmission lines below it. The conductivity of the ground wire has material influence since upon it depends the protection against the inductive effects of oscillations and sudden discharges. A $3/8$ inch standard steel wire grounded at least every 500 feet, and strung above the highest transmission wire within an angle of 45° to 60° to the outside wires, as recommended by Dr.

C. P. Steinmetz, is the best form of this kind of protection. Two auxiliary wires are sometimes added on each side of the lines to increase the shielding action. All ground connections must be carefully made. Barbed wire is sometimes employed instead of the smooth kind.

The transmission system of the Southern Power Company has a normal line voltage of 100,000 volts. It uses overhead ground wires for line protection to support the same, namely, one from peak to peak of the twin-circuit steel towers upon which the two three-phase circuits are arranged in vertical planes, and one on each side of each tower. As the towers are not set in concrete, the wire is clamped at each tower and thus grounded, because each of the four legs is set about 8 feet in the earth. The ground wire is $\frac{3}{8}$ inch Siemens-Martin steel strand.

WATER JETS

Protection with water jets is similar to that afforded by large resistances permanently connected into the line with the additional advantage of self-maintenance in case of a breakdown after a discharge. Water jets prevent to a certain extent the slowly accumulating static charges on the line. Their application is, however, restricted more or less to European use. The principal drawback is to be found in the fact that they pass as much generator current as static current and consequently waste a fairly considerable amount of energy all the time.

COHERER TYPE OF ARRESTER

This class includes the M. P. arrester, also called multipath arrester, as made by the Westinghouse Company for alternating and direct current. The static discharge passes in a large number of small streams over a carborundum block, the voltage across each gap being very small. The arrester is used for voltages up to 1000 volts. It discharges static accumulations and comparatively high tensions, but opposes the current at normal voltage.

A few words in regard to the installation of lightning arresters are in place at this point. Lightning arresters are just as essential for protection against interruptions in service as any preventative of fire or accident in the station. In large systems a certain percentage of the cost of installation and of the yearly income is set aside for the

purchase and maintenance of the best lightning arresters on the market.

In order to obtain maximum protection at minimum cost it is necessary:

1. To determine the location of the stations, transmission lines and apparatus, and to become familiarized with the character of the surroundings with respect to geographic position, physical characteristics, frequency of thunder storms, strength of prevailing winds, etc.

2. To know the nature of the system as to voltage, load and distribution, as for instance, if low tension a.c. or d.c., or high tension distribution with sub-stations, or if grounded or ungrounded neutral is to be employed.

The Westinghouse Electric Company recommends that to obtain absolute protection arresters be placed at all points where apparatus is located. In circuits not exceeding 2500 volts it will usually be sufficient to place arresters at various intervals where good ground connections are available. These arresters should be so placed as to leave no considerable length of circuit unprotected, and should be more numerous in neighborhoods where circuits are exposed, as is the case in outlying districts where the lines are not protected by buildings and trees. Under average conditions satisfactory protection will be secured if no point of the circuit be more than 1000 feet from the arrester. For voltages exceeding 2500 volts arresters should be placed as nearly as possible at or near apparatus on exposed lines.

In all cases of circuits with ungrounded neutrals arresters rated at the voltages between line wires should be chosen, that is, for the maximum working voltage, and not for the voltage between line and ground. If the circuit has a grounded neutral, arresters should be chosen for a voltage 20 per cent. greater than the maximum voltage between line and ground. For example, for a circuit with grounded neutral having 16,500 volts between line and ground (approximately 28,000 volts between line wires) arresters for 20,000 volts should be chosen. If, however, the transformers are connected in star in both high-tension and low-tension windings, arresters should be chosen as when the neutral is not grounded. They should always be placed on the line side of all apparatus.

Protection and maintenance of protective apparatus is of great importance for effective protection of the system. Broken or damaged parts should be replaced after each storm, including both arresters in the station, as well as insulators, poles, horns and other protective appliances located out of doors. All disturbances are

recorded by placing paper sheets behind the arresters which also indicate if proper protection is obtained, and if any adjustment of the spark-gap and resistance is necessary. Proper ground connections which must be inspected from time to time are essential. Without these, all protective measures are of no avail. One method of making good ground connections is as follows: The ground wire, or what is even better, a copper strip, should lead directly to ground with as small a number of bends as possible, and the ground connection should be next to the arrester. In case the ground under the device is not suitable for a good connection, a proper ground is made at some other point which is then connected with the ground under the arrester. Copper sheets are recommended for the ground, thick enough to prevent wasting away, approximately $1/16$ inch thick, and having at least 4 square feet of surface. The ground wire must be carefully soldered and riveted to this plate and then buried in powdered coke or charcoal in soil which is always damp. Dry, sandy soil should be kept wet by artificial means if this is the only soil available for the ground connection. Where plates are placed in streams of running or dead water, they should be buried in mud along the bank. Where there are metal flumes, pipes or rails, it is advisable to rivet or solder the ground wires to them in addition to the connection to the copper plates, and when rails are utilized they should be thoroughly grounded. In view of the fact that it is advisable occasionally to examine the underground connections, it is desirable, when the ground plates are installed, to lay out exact plans of their location and that of the ground wires and joints.

CHAPTER XXI

HIGH-TENSION SWITCHBOARDS AND WIRING DIAGRAMS

THIS chapter is essentially a continuation of the chapter on low-tension a.c. switchboards where 250 to 600-volt circuits were treated. The intermediate chapters are inserted for the sake of discussing the devices and provisions for high and extra high tensions before a description of their mutual interrelation and connection with station arrangement is undertaken.

GENERATOR

The switching arrangement for 1150 to 2300-volt circuits corresponds in many ways to the 600-volt arrangements. In most cases the oil switches are mounted on the board proper, and the measuring

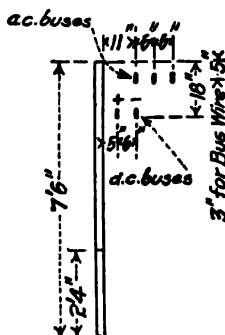


FIG. 195.—Location of busbars or bus wires for voltages from 600 to 6600 volts.

instruments are directly connected to the main lines, but it is advisable for higher tension to supply them through series or shunt transformers. Generator oil switches are non-automatic, while the feeder switches are provided with automatic trip coils. Three-phase generators or feeders require one or three ammeters according as the load is balanced or unbalanced. Potential regulators are often used with single-phase feeders in which case a compensating-volt-

meter mounted on the board is required, in order to indicate the regulated voltage. For busbars either copper wire or copper bars are used according to the amperage of the plant, and these are

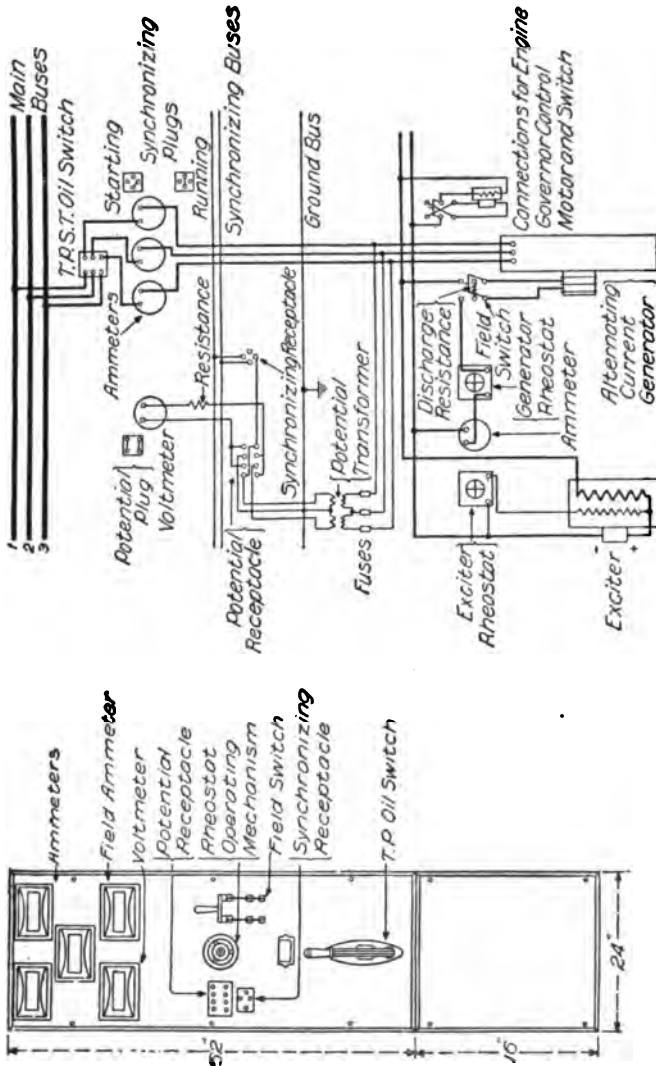


FIG. 196.—1150- and 2300-volt three-phase generator panel.

mounted on insulators at the back of the switchboard near the upper edge. See Fig. 195, which shows the location of the a.c. and d.c. buses, relative to the board. The illustration shows an example of

the case where several generators are excited from d.c. busbars fed by one or more exciters.

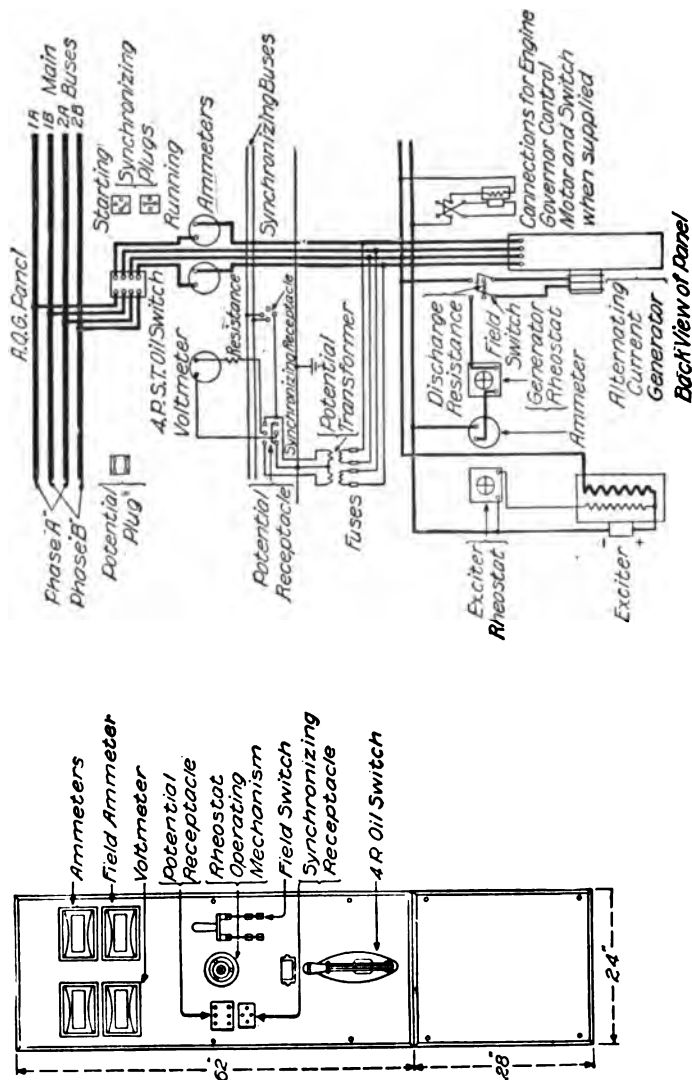


FIG. 197.—1150- and 2300-volt two-phase generator panel.

A generator feeding one set of busbars is shown in Fig. 196. The voltage between any two phases is indicated by a voltmeter connected through a plug switch. The generator rheostat is operated from the

board, and is mounted on it or away from it according to its size. The size of this rheostat depends upon the exciter current.

Fig. 197 is a diagram for a two-phase generator. In the two figures note the difference in the position of the synchronizing plug switches for starting and running conditions of the machine. One synchronism indicator with these plug switches suffices for all the generators.

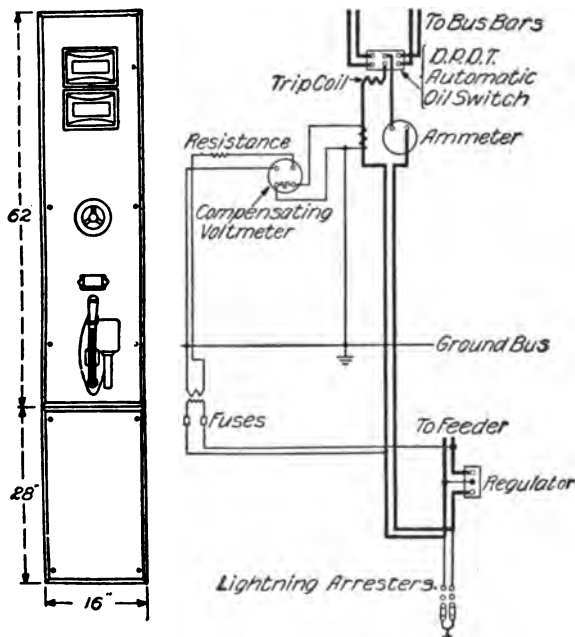


FIG. 198.—1150- and 2300-volt single-phase feeder panel with feeder regulator.

A single-phase feeder connected to the busbars through an oil switch is shown in Fig. 198. A potential regulator is provided, which is operated from the board through chains. Note the connections of the shunt transformers to the compensating voltmeter.

Fig. 199 is an arrangement similar to the one described above, with the exception that the oil switch is replaced by plug switches, and that protection is afforded by using fuses instead of trip coils. The type of fuse employed is that shown in Fig. 82. Lightning arresters are provided.

Two systems of connection for a high-tension generator are given in Fig. 200. In the one, the oil switch is operated by a motor

through a small double-throw switch, while in the other, a toggle mechanism is used. A solenoid operated oil switch might also be used to replace the motor operated H₃ switch.

In both cases the switchboard has the same equipment. One each of the following instruments and apparatus is used: Ammeter, voltmeter, wattmeter, watt-hour meter, small double-pole, double-throw switch for the wattmeter, four-point receptacles for synchro-

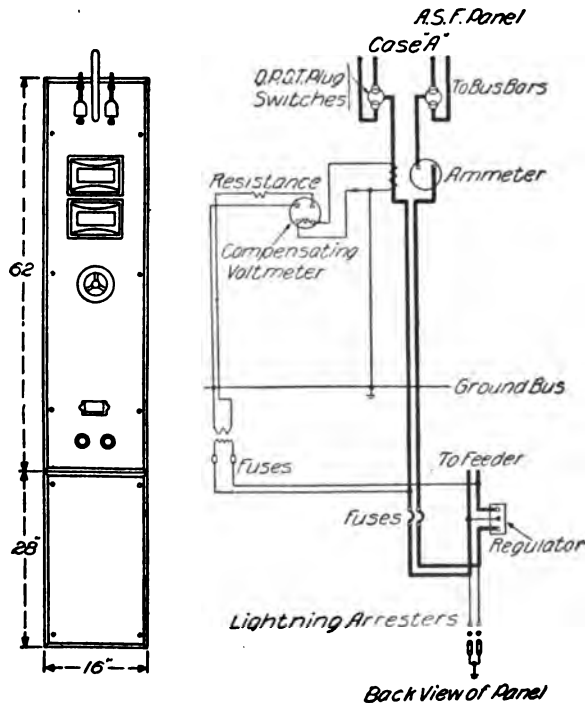


FIG. 199.—150- and 2300-volt single-phase feeder panel with plug switches and expulsion fuses.

nizing connections, handwheel and chain operating mechanism for field rheostat, single-pole single-throw carbon-break field switch with discharge clips, double-pole double-throw engine-governor controlling switch, single-throw, triple-pole non-automatic oil switch, series transformer, and two shunt transformers. For a manually operated oil switch, the motor control switch is replaced on the board by the handle of the toggle mechanism. The series and shunt transformers are mounted away from the board because of

the high voltages to which they are connected, and all high-tension wires are also kept well away from the board. The exciter, synchronizing, operating, and ground buses run across all the panels carrying instruments connected to them.

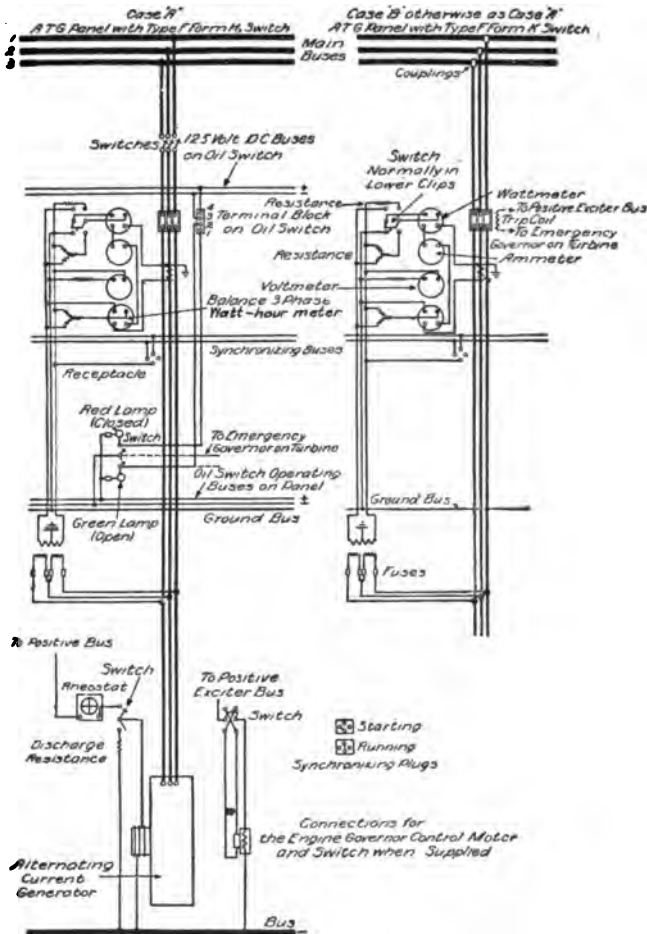


FIG. 200.—Wiring diagram of alternating-current generator panels.

Fig. 201 is similar to 200 except that step-up transformers are connected to the generator. This arrangement is often used for high-tension long transmission lines in order to save copper in the lines. Series and shunt transformers are joined to the primary sides of the main transformers. Oil switches and busbar compart-

ments should be mounted near to each other and in fireproof cells and compartments. (See Chapter XXII.)

If an alternator is to be thrown into parallel with a circuit, four conditions must be fulfilled.

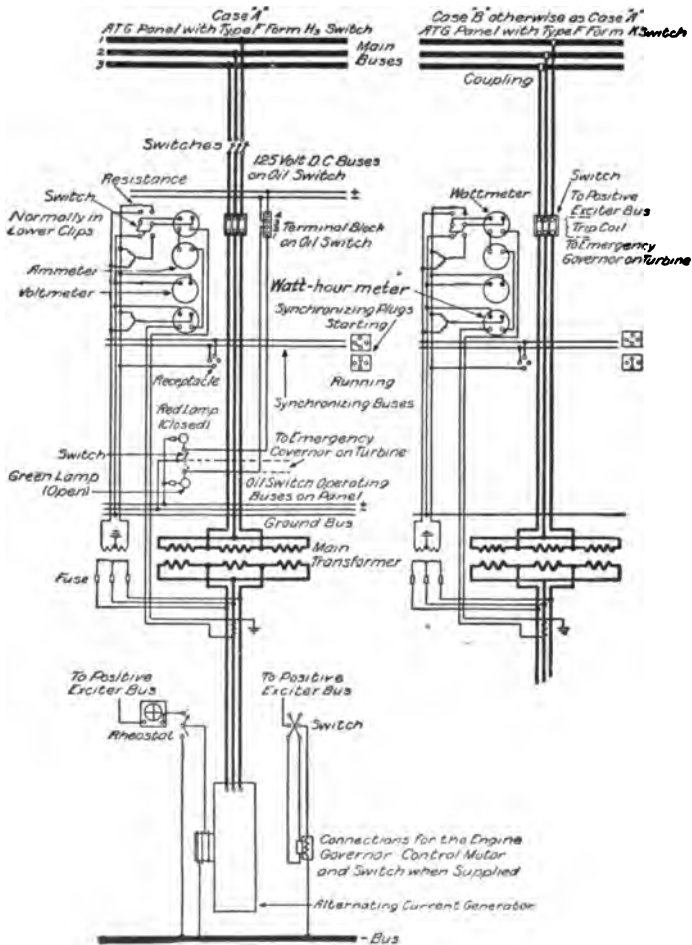


FIG. 201.—Wiring diagram of alternating-current generator panels with step-up transformer.

1. The machine must run with precisely the same frequency as those in the circuit.
2. This frequency must remain constant.
3. The machine voltage must be in phase with that of the system.

4. The terminal e.m.fs. of the alternators must be exactly equal. Successful parallel running of alternators results in proper load division of the machines, which should run without hunting.

The ampere ratings given for generator panel equipments are the maximum currents which they are designed to carry for one or two hours, the corresponding kilowatt ratings being the normal capacity of the largest machines with which these equipments may be used.

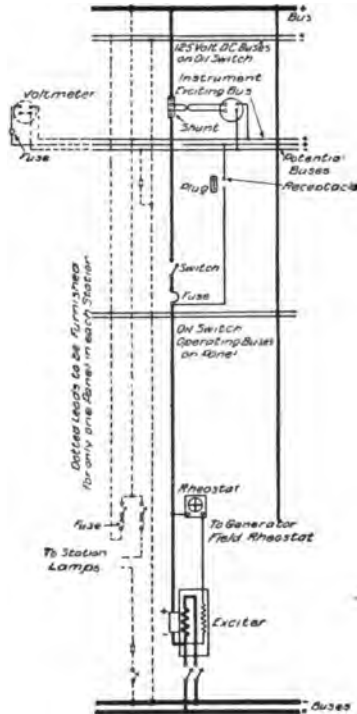


FIG. 202.—Wiring diagram of exciter panel.

The kilowatt ratings are based on unity power factor and overloads of 25 per cent. for one or two hours and 65 per cent. momentarily.

The exciter supplying the generator field circuit may be driven by a steam or gas engine or by an induction motor fed from the main busbars. It is essentially a d.c. generator of low voltage (125 volts), with similar connections. (See Fig. 202.) A fuse is inserted in the positive lead to take the place of the circuit breaker. One voltmeter will be sufficient for all the exciter machines. The positive

exciter bus will usually be found on the switchboard, while the negative is placed under the floor in the exciter foundations.

FEEDERS

An outgoing feeder with its connections is shown in Fig. 203. For unbalanced load, transformers are inserted in each leg to be used for the three ammeters. Automatically actuated oil switches, when operated electrically, are tripped by relays, and if manually operated they can be tripped either by relays or directly from the series transformer.

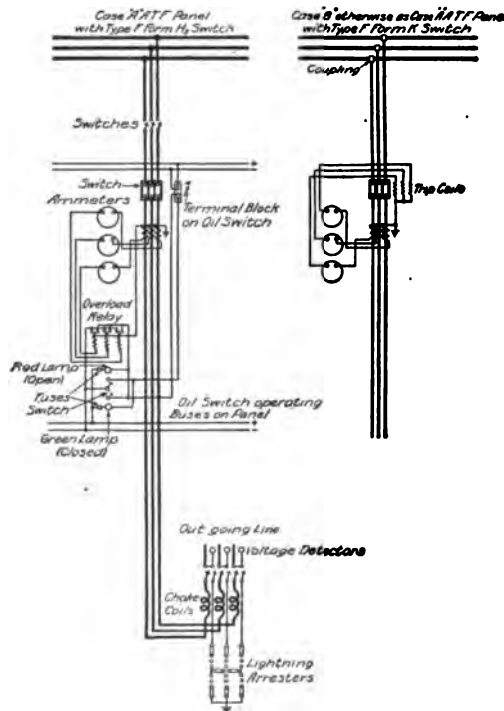


FIG. 203.—Wiring diagram of outgoing line panel.

It is general practice to use an inverse time-limit relay if it is not desired to have the oil switch operate instantly on heavy overloads. Where it is necessary to notify an attendant automatically of the interruption of the supply, say of the motor feeder, a signal lamp or alarm bell can be applied. In case the feeder

panel supplies power to drive a motor which is connected to an exciter, the motor circuit should have its overload oil switch set to open only on extreme conditions of loads or short circuits so as to avoid interrupting the excitation and shutting down the plant.

For overload lines lightning arresters and reactors are inserted. When ground detectors are to be used, they should be mounted on rigid brackets on top of the switchboard. Additional provision

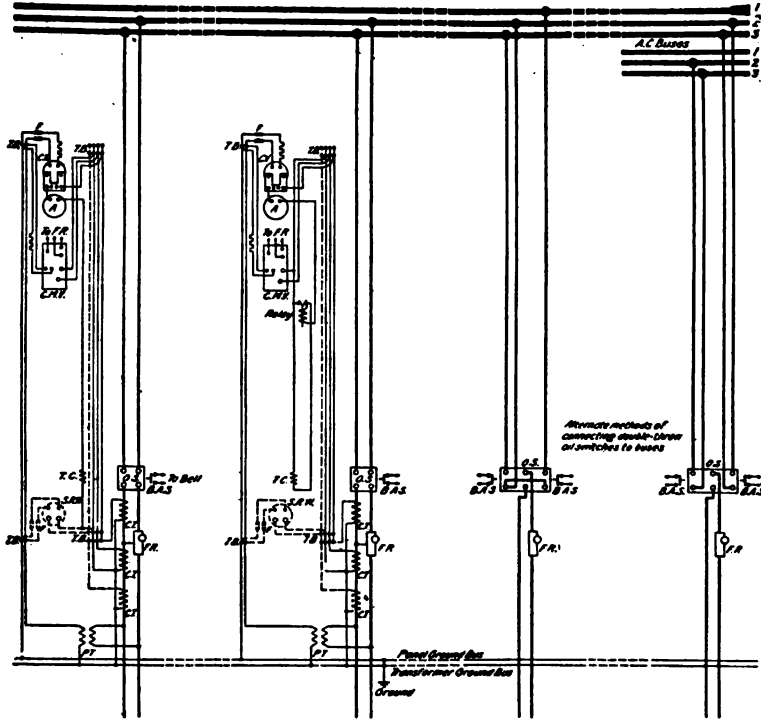


FIG. 204.—Wiring diagram of incoming feeder panels.

to disconnect the feeders from the line is found in the disconnecting switches.

For incoming feeders only one ammeter with a series transformer is used. In some cases the central station feeder-control is sufficient, so that incoming feeders of sub-stations require no further instruments outside of lightning arresters.

Fig. 204 shows a wiring diagram of single-phase feeder panels in connection with automatic feeder regulators.

The ampere ratings given for feeder panels are the maximum

current (normal or overload other than momentary) which they are designed to carry. As a rule, panels of larger capacity than necessary should not be chosen in order to provide for a possible future increase of load, since the consequent low-load factor of the current transformers has an injurious effect on the accuracy of the instruments and motors; furthermore, the overload feature of the oil switches is rendered inoperative, except on short circuits and extremely heavy overloads, due to the very high ratio of the current transformers as compared with the normal load of the circuit to be controlled.

SYNCHRONOUS CONVERTERS

The d.c. side of converters has been fully discussed in Chapter III, so that only the a.c. side remains to be treated here. As previously stated a synchronous converter is built to interconvert direct and alternating currents. The connection to the alternating busbars of the system is made either directly or through a step-down transformer, according to the tension in the system. The latter method is the more frequent because the a.c. side of the converter must usually be joined to a 370 to 430-volt line, and if the converter is in a sub-station, a much higher transmission voltage is led to it. The a.c. generators also deliver current at high pressure. Wiring diagrams for a three-phase converter, with transformer, are shown in Fig. 205.

The starting voltage must always be reduced in order to prevent a sudden rush of current from the transformers, and this is done by means of the auxiliary taps from the transformer secondaries. In starting, therefore, the double-throw switch connects the converter with the auxiliary taps, and as soon as the machine has reached full speed it throws in the entire voltage of the low-tension side of the transformer. Special reactors are inserted between the transformer and the converter in order to prevent too great a starting current. These coils may be separately boxed up, or the transformer itself may possess the necessary reactance in which case the extra coils are omitted. It is customary to start converters of 300 kw. or less in this way, with the starting voltage at half the normal pressure. The starting voltage for 300 to 1500-kw. machines is from one-third to two-thirds the normal. If a.c. is used in starting, the armature windings act on the field-windings like a transformer primary on its secondary. A large number of field turns

in comparison to the number of armature turns may generate a high value of e.m.f. in the former, which should be limited. This is accomplished by breaking the field-winding at a number of points by a multipole switch mounted on the frame of the machine. The

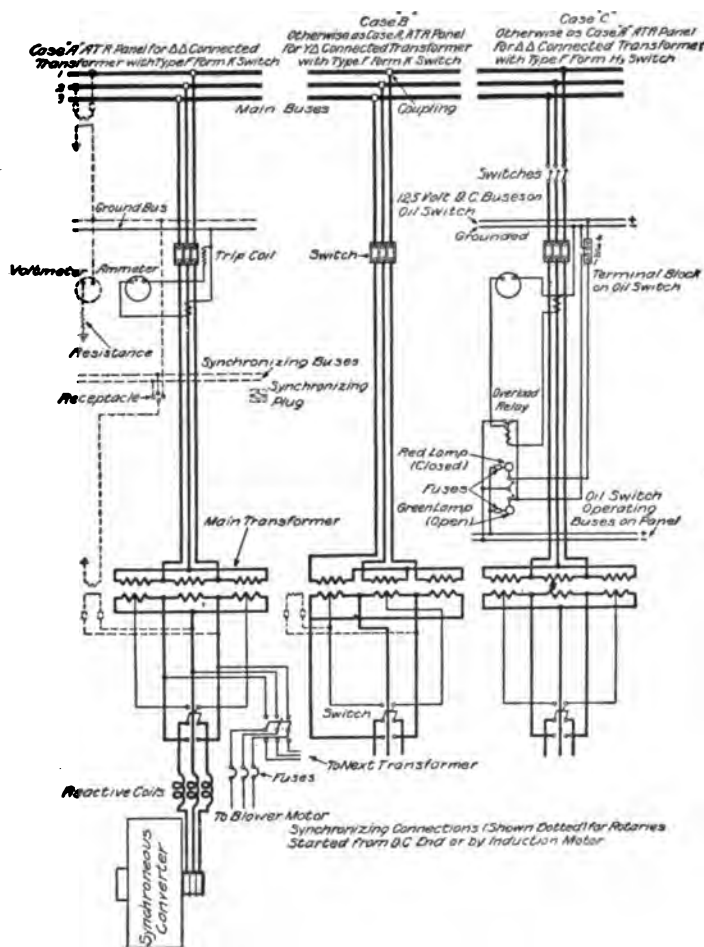


FIG. 205.—Wiring diagrams of three-phase synchronous converter connection, for high voltage panel, low-voltage starting panel and blower motor panel.

connections shown dotted in Fig. 205 are used only when the converter is started on the d.c. side, or by an induction motor, in which case synchronous starting is essential.

Fig. 206 is a wiring diagram for a six-phase converter with a

three-step connection to the low-tension side of the transformer. If the transformers are air-cooled the connections of the ventilator motors are made as indicated in the figures.

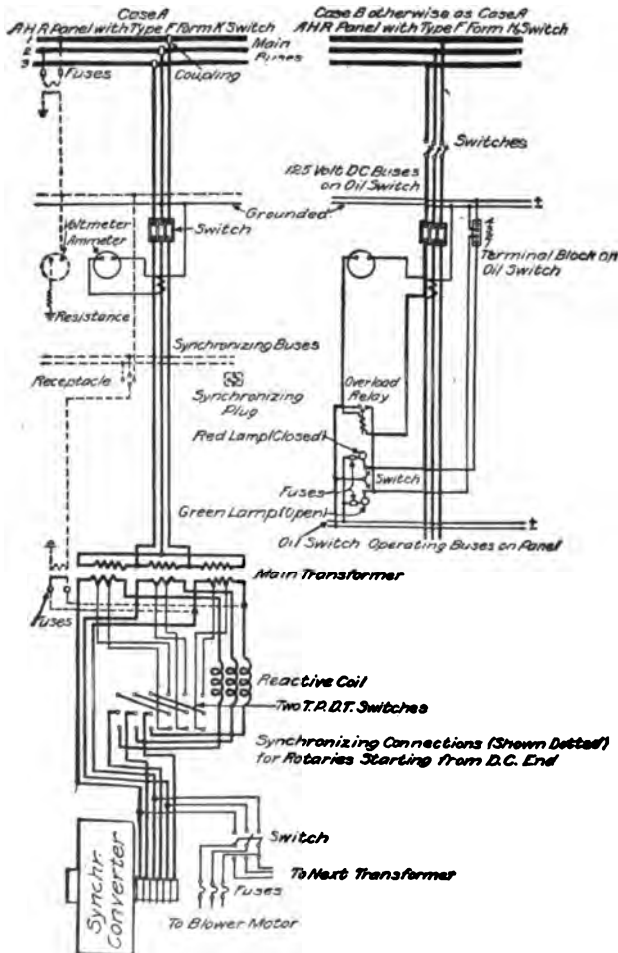


FIG. 206.—Wiring diagram of a six-phase synchronous converter, for high voltage panel, low voltage starting panel and blower motor panel.

The above method of starting is applicable in all cases for converters with low frequency, or when the fluctuations at starting exert no material influence on the voltage regulation of the system.

The instruments and apparatus for the control of the a.c. side

of converters are placed on two panels. A main board controls the high-tension side of the transformers, and therefore carries an ammeter, a controlling switch for the synchronizing oil switch and plug switches when necessary. The latter are used when starting from the d.c. side, or by an induction motor. The second panel is smaller, and is mounted independently near the converter. It carries the multipole switch which controls the low-tension side of the transformer, and hence the machine itself. The d.c. side has a switchboard of its own, as previously mentioned elsewhere.

If the system is such that it requires precise voltage regulation, it is advisable to start the converter by an induction motor mounted on the same shaft. (See Fig. 207.) This increases the certainty of starting, as each machine has an independent starter. Any accident to the motor, however, will cripple the converter. Before the machine is connected into the circuit it must be synchronized with the line. The synchroscope can be made to indicate whether or not the proper condition of synchronism obtains by properly connecting the shunt transformer and plug switch. A small additional switchboard will be required under these conditions to carry the starting switch for the motor.

The procedure for starting from the a.c. side of a converter is therefore as follows:

1. All switches except the negative switch on the machine must be open.
2. Close the feeder oil switch which connects to the high-tension busbars. (This applies to the sub-stations.)
3. Close the oil switch on the high-tension side of the transformer.
4. Close the starting switch of the low-voltage taps on the low-tension side of the transformer, i.e., the upper side of the double-throw switch.
5. As soon as the converter is in synchronism with the line, close the equalizer switch.
6. Close the series-shunt switch.

NOTE.—If there are other converters on the line, the separate excitation of the series field seeks to establish a correct polarity by means of the equalizer buses. If its polarity is reversed it can be quickly corrected by throwing over the field-break-up switch. The double-throw switch must be immediately reversed, however, since its lower position is only for reversal of polarity.

7. After the correct polarity has been obtained, throw the field-break-up switch into the upper position.

8. Throw the double-throw switch on the full voltage of the low-tension side of the transformer, by throwing the starting switch from the upper into the lower position.

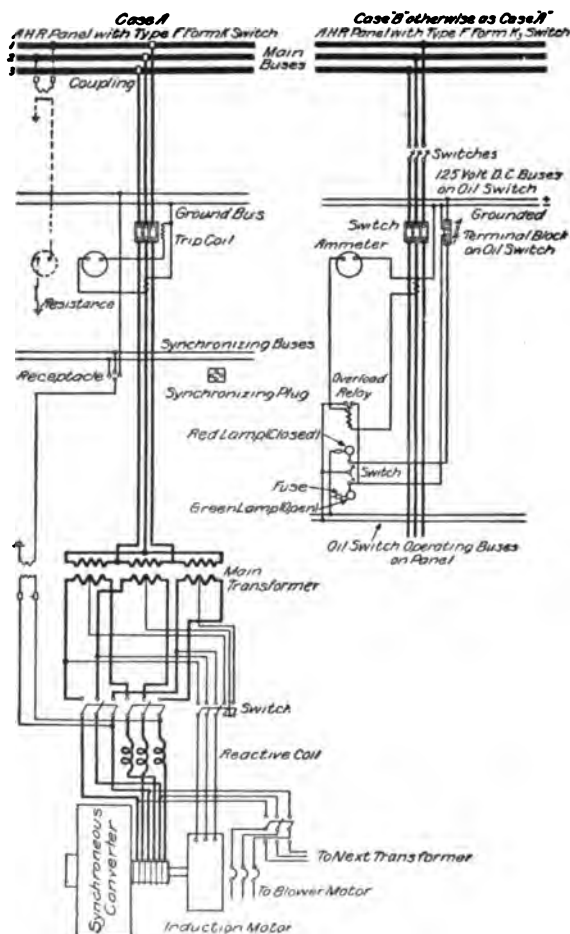


FIG. 207.—Wiring diagram of a six-phase converter with a three-phase induction motor for starting.

9. Push up low-voltage release of circuit breaker and close the d.c. circuit breaker.

10. Regulate the field rheostat.

11. Close the main switch on the switchboard, and again regulate the field rheostat to obtain the proper load factor and voltage.

To shut down a converter open the d.c. circuit breaker, pull out and turn circuit-closing auxiliary switch to stop the ringing of the alarm bell; open the d.c. main switch on the panel; open the high-tension a.c. oil switch, allow machine to run down in speed until volts fall off to about 100 before opening the field-break-up switch or starting switch; open field-break switch, equalizer switch, series-shunt switch, and starting switch.

NOTE.—The field-break-up switch should not be opened until the machine voltage has run down, otherwise the arc due to opening the inductive field circuit may be blown by the armature blast from point to point, giving a short-circuit, or strain may injure the insulation of the field-winding. The starting switch may be opened when the machine voltage has run down to zero; this leaves the transformers without heavy residual magnetism, which is likely to cause an extra rush of current when they are thrown into circuit subsequently. When the converter is connected to the starting taps of the transformer and the field closed, the opening of the oil switch on the high-tension side of the transformer should be avoided, for then the converter tends to build up to full voltage, further tending to run up the transformers to considerably above the normal voltage. The converters can be thrown into parallel on the d.c. side only with closed equalizer switches.

The d.c. circuit-breaker is closed always before the main switch on the d.c. side is in closed position, and after a heavy short-circuit the breaker should not be closed without plugging the voltmeter into the converter to make sure that the polarity is not reversed.

SYNCHRONOUS AND INDUCTION MOTORS

In the chapter on starting compensators, the switching arrangements for this kind of motor and the method used for starting them with the aid of compensators were discussed. If, however, the motor is so small that it consumes only a very small fraction of the station current, it is started and run directly from the busbars. A step-down transformer should be inserted if the voltage of the system so requires.

Two switchboards are required for the induction motor running an exciter. One is similar to the kind used for incoming feeders. The other is smaller and carries only a double-pole, double-throw starting switch, and is set up near the motor. The connections are shown in Fig. 208. The motor is connected on the low-tension

side of a transformer-bank whose high-tension side is supplied from the main buses. At starting, the double-throw switch throws the motor in on half the transformer voltage, and when full speed is reached the entire voltage is thrown on.

Fig. 207 also shows the connections of the induction motor to the low-tension side of the transformer, and likewise the manner of starting. The normal voltages at which the various induction motors are run are as follows:

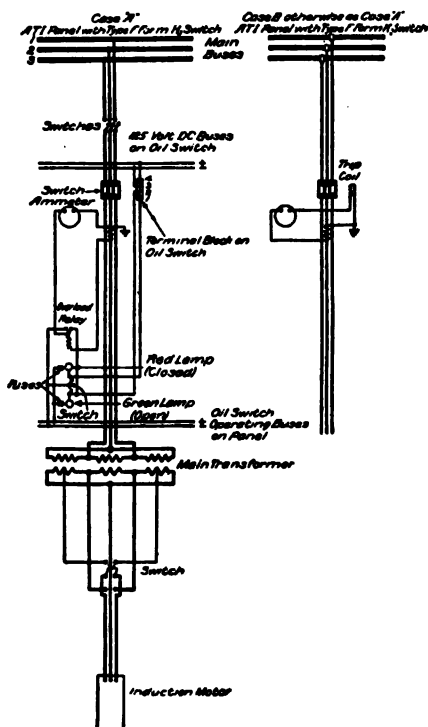


FIG. 208.—Wiring diagram for induction motor connection, high voltage panel and low voltage starting panel.

Cycles	Volts
60.....	220-2080
40.....	550
25.....	440

Machines for higher voltages are built upon special order.

The apparent efficiency of an induction motor of given horsepower and voltage varies somewhat with the speed for which the

motor is designed, so that panels having a given ampere rating cannot be given a corresponding horse-power rating which will be correct for all speeds. The ampere capacity of a panel equipment required for a given motor may be determined by the following formulas:

For motors with 25 per cent. overload

$$\frac{\text{H.P.} \times 746 \times 1000 \times 1.25}{1.73 \times \text{volts} \times \text{efficiency} \times \text{power factor}} =$$

$$\frac{\text{H.P.} \times 539}{\text{Volts} \times \text{efficiency} \times \text{power factor}}$$

For motors with 50 per cent. overload

$$\frac{\text{H.P.} \times 746 \times 1000 \times 1.5}{1.73 \times \text{volts} \times \text{efficiency} \times \text{power factor}} =$$

$$\frac{\text{H.P.} \times 646.5}{\text{Volts} \times \text{efficiency} \times \text{power factor}}$$

A synchronous motor is usually nothing more than a reversed alternator, whence it follows that the latter is often used as such. These motors are preferred for motor-generator sets for the conversion of alternating into direct current, or into alternating current of different frequency, potential and phase.

In an induction motor, the power-factor is predetermined by its design and construction and its current is always lagging in phase. With the synchronous motor, on the other hand, the current can be made to lag or lead in phase by varying the field excitation. The synchronous motor, therefore, can be employed to advantage not only for full power-factor, i.e., for minimum current, but also to compensate the inductive load on the system, so that for the combined load at the given voltage and power output the system will operate at maximum efficiency.

This motor is started with the aid of a compensator, or, if frequent starting is necessary, a separate induction motor is used. The latter brings the synchronous motor to full speed, and the field is then excited at the line voltage. Whereupon the induction motor is shut off. During the starting period the field and armature windings of the synchronous motor act like those of a transformer. Therefore, if the field-winding has a large number of turns, so as to have high inductance, the winding is broken at a number of points by means of a multipole lever switch. (See Synchronous Converters.)

The apparatus ordinarily required for a synchronous motor for regular power service or for driving a generator consists of the following: one a.c. ammeter, indicating wattmeter, a d.c. ammeter for motor field, a power-factor meter (optional), a field rheostat, a double-pole field switch with discharge resistance, a synchronizing plug switch, an overload oil switch with time-limit relay and the necessary current and potential transformers.

When the motor is started from the a.c. circuit a double-throw main switch will sometimes be required, one position being for running and provided with the automatic overload release, while the other is for starting and for connection to the starting compensator. If the motor is a part of a motor-generator set and starts from the d.c. side the switch can be a single-throw switch with automatic overload release.

To reverse the direction of rotation of a three-phase synchronous or induction motor, it is simply necessary to reverse any two of the lead connections. For two-phase machines the connections of both leads of one phase must be reversed.

INSTRUMENTS

Instruments will be discussed only in regard to their application in a.c. practice without going into the respective advantages and disadvantages of the various types.

To determine the output of an a.c. generator, one or more ammeters are necessary. One instrument only is used under balanced load, that is, when the load consists only of rotating apparatus, such as converters or motor-generator sets, etc. Two ammeters are required for two-phase circuits, and three for three-phase under unbalanced load, such as current delivery for lighting. Another way of ascertaining the current in each feeder under these conditions using only one ammeter, is to join this instrument by means of plug switches and receptacles to a number of series transformers corresponding to the phases of the circuits. With alternating current an ammeter fails to give any information as to the distribution of the load on the various machines. A wattmeter for each machine is therefore required especially for this purpose. A single voltmeter can be made to indicate the voltage of any generator by simply connecting it to the required machine by means of a plug switch. Sometimes a second voltmeter is connected to the busbars. This affords a means of calibrating the scales of the two instruments from time to time.

Field ammeters are sometimes used as they give an easy way of ascertaining if anything is wrong in the machine itself. A power-factor indicator is not absolutely necessary, as a wattmeter can be made to perform the same function by using it with a double-pole double-throw switch. The wattless component can be read off directly if a polyphase wattmeter is used. One frequency indicator will do for each set of busbars. A frequency meter is always advisable if current is supplied to textile mills or other establishments where careful speed regulation is desirable as such speeds depend upon maintaining the frequency constant. Since the introduction of turbo-generators these indicators have come to replace the tachometers used formerly to indicate the speed. To obtain a record of the generator energy output a watt-hour meter is a very efficient instrument.

The instruments which indicate synchronism for generators and converters are of great importance. By synchronous running of a given machine with respect to other machines, with which it is connected in parallel, is meant such a condition of running that the frequency and phase relation of the given machine are the same as the corresponding quantities of the other machines. Two machines have the same frequency when the number of alternations of their e.m.fs. in a given time are equal to each other. This condition is fulfilled when the product of the number of poles by the revolutions per minute is the same for both machines. Two machines have the same phase relation when the relative position of their armatures with respect to their field poles is the same; that is, when corresponding armature turns are opposite corresponding poles at the same time. When two machines have the same frequency, phase and voltage, there will be no unbalanced e.m.f., and consequently if they are coupled in parallel no rush of current will ensue. It is evident, therefore, that before machines can be coupled in multiple they must be synchronized. Instruments must consequently be provided to indicate when synchronous running is obtained, so that the connection may be made at the proper instant. Incandescent lamps and synchroscopes are the devices employed for this purpose. Figs. 209 a, b, c, and d are a number of diagrams for synchronizing machines with voltmeter, lamps and plug switches. In 'a' and 'b' the alternator is in multiple with the load. At the instant that the required condition of synchronism is obtained the lamps must be dark because the generator flux is then opposed to that of the system, and both generator and system have the same phase, so

that they are balanced in the connection. The same conditions obtain in 'c,' where the alternator is in multiple with another machine. The lamp is darkened at the instant of synchronous running. In case 'd' a synchronous converter is to be connected to the system. As synchronism is approached the pulsation through the

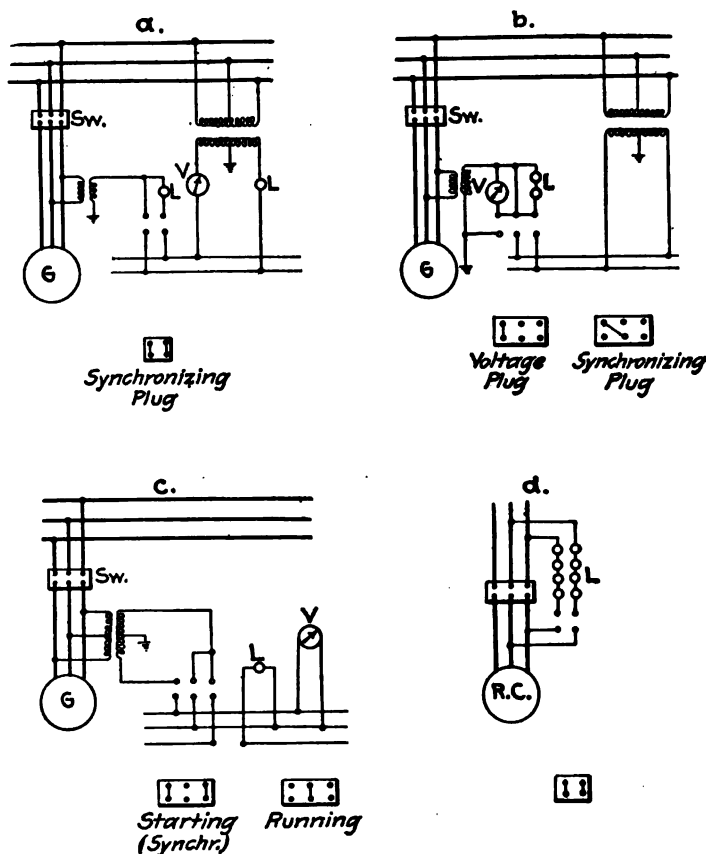


FIG. 209.—Signal lamps as synchronizing devices.

lamps decreases in number, until the lamps go out at the instant when perfect synchronism is reached. The use of lamps has the disadvantage that a large difference of phase is required to make them burn, and that they do not indicate if the machine is running too fast or too slow. Moreover, since their use as synchronism indicators depends upon the fact that they become dark at the required moment, it is possible that an undetected flaw in the lamps

may give an erroneous indication as to the synchronism of the machine. A specially constructed synchroscope is therefore employed to advantage.

The functions of this instrument are: 1. Indicate if the machine to be thrown in is running faster or slower than those in circuit. 2. Indicate the difference in the speeds. 3. Indicate the moment when both machines are in synchronism. These functions cannot be performed adequately by lamps alone. Lamps are nevertheless used in connection with the synchroscope in order to facilitate the

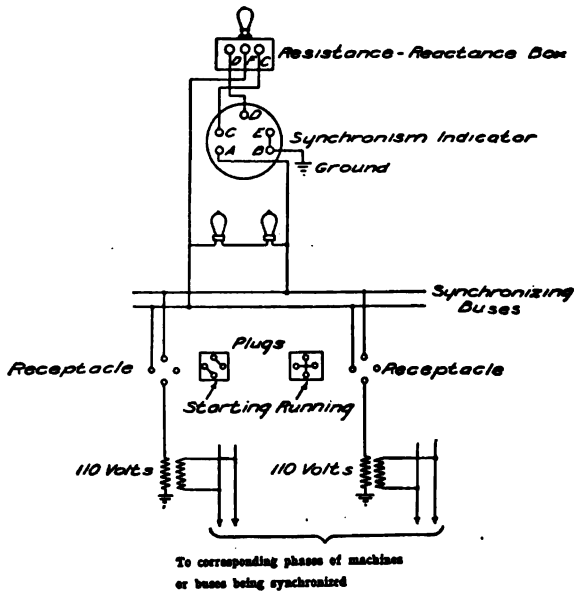


FIG. 210.—Connection for synchronism indicator with grounded secondaries on shunt transformers.

reading of synchronism at a distant point. Fig. 210 shows a wiring diagram of a General Electric synchronism indicator with a set of lamps in parallel which darken when synchronism is obtained. The plugs are inserted in the receptacles according as the machine is in starting or running. In this diagram the secondary transformer windings are grounded. Fig. 211 shows the transformer secondaries not grounded. The dotted lines are the connections for the lamps when the latter are to be brilliant when synchronism is obtained.

It is important that the operations required in synchronizing be as few and simple as possible. With high voltages the number of

shunt transformers should be reduced to the smallest number possible. When synchronizing receptacles are used on circuits controlled by electrically operated oil switches, it is customary to have an extra set of contacts on the synchronizing receptacles to close the control circuit of the oil switch when the synchronizing plug is inserted. This feature makes it impossible to close the oil switch without first inserting the plug connecting the circuits to be synchronized, thus minimizing the danger of accidentally connecting generators together without synchronizing. While the control cir-

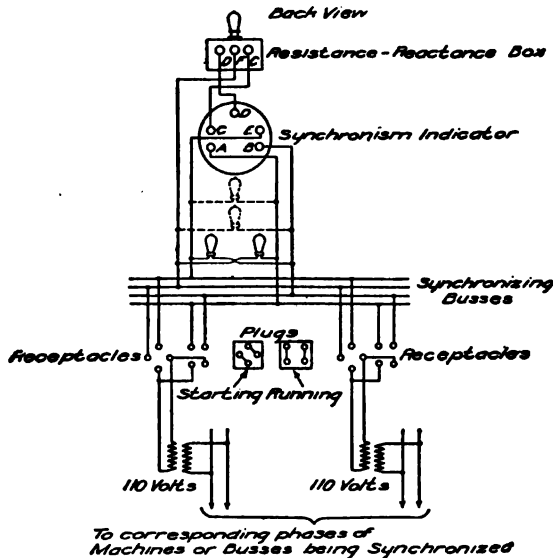


FIG. 211.—Connection for synchronism indicator with ungrounded secondaries on shunt transformers.

cuit of the oil switch passes through the extra contact of the receptacle, the tripping circuit does not, and hence, the circuit may be opened independent of the position of the synchronizing plug.

Lighting and power feeders should be provided with an ammeter, and in case a potential regulator is inserted in the line, a compensating voltmeter must be added in order to indicate the regulator voltage. Recording instruments are sometimes used for plotting the output of any given feeder. All instruments should be so placed that they may not come under the influence of outside magnetic fields. The instruments take their current from series or shunt transformers which are so designed that the current or voltage of

the secondaries is the same for all transformers for the required ratio. Five amperes is the normal current for the secondaries of series transformers, and 100 volts the normal voltage for shunt transformer secondaries. The latter are compensated so as to give a correct load ratio, while the former are compensated with regard to the loss with a given current. The load placed upon them should be light and of as small an inductive value as possible. All secondaries of instrument transformers should be grounded in order to eliminate puncturing of the insulation between primaries and secondaries. If the transformers are mounted away from the board, the secondary leads of a number of the transformers are led to the board together in conduits.

The Underwriters recommend the grounding of the neutral point of low-tension circuits when the conditions are such that the maximum normal voltage between the point connected and ground will not exceed 250 volts. This means that one side of a 250-volt circuit or the middle point of a 500-volt circuit may be grounded. For potentials above 500 volts, and not exceeding 6600 volts, a safety gap should be used in the ground connection. This applies to transformers whose ratio of transformation is five to one or greater. The safety gap is of course set for the particular voltage to which it is connected.

SWITCHBOARD PANELS

In high-tension stations all instruments and control and operating apparatus are placed on a switchboard which may be selected in any one of three forms, namely: 1, panel; 2, benchboard, or desk, and 3, control pedestals and instrument posts. The ultimate capacity being fixed, the switchboard selected should be such that the panels, busbars and connections may be adapted for future extension, and the schemes of operation and general design should be so worked out that undesirable and expensive special designs can be avoided when additions are made. The automatic current-breaking devices should be suitable for opening the maximum load based on the ultimate kilowatt capacity which may be concentrated upon them, as they will undoubtedly be required at times to open a short-circuit on the station. The character of the plant should also be considered, suitable apparatus selected and the switchboard so located that noxious gases or fine dust will not cause trouble with the apparatus. If local inspections must be made by fire

underwriters or others, their regulations should be considered if they differ in any way from those recommended by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The materials which may be used for switchboard panels will depend on the requirements of the installation. These requirements generally involve the following characteristics in the material:

1. Insulating qualities.
2. Tendency to absorb moisture.
3. Adaptability for polishing, cutting and drilling.
4. Strength of material.
5. Fireproofing qualities.
6. Color and general appearance.
7. Cost.

Of the materials available for switchboard purposes, marble, slate, and soapstone are most frequently used.

Marble is the favorite; it possesses high insulating qualities and standard practice allows it to be used as an insulating base for conducting parts of apparatus for service up to and including 3300 volts. It is easily cut and drilled, and takes a beautiful polish. It may be obtained with sufficient strength for any switchboard apparatus, if the panels are not made excessively large and are sufficiently thick. Ordinarily the thickest panels used never exceed 3 inches, but $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches to 2 inches are the usual thicknesses, depending on the size of the panels and the weight of the apparatus.

Marble possesses reasonable fireproofing qualities, and the varieties of color and beautiful markings which may be obtained are infinite. For some special environments, the marble with its natural face highly polished, will present the best appearance, but it will not maintain this good appearance for general power-station work unless special pains are constantly exercised to keep it clean and free from oil stains. This is usually very difficult. Marble is usually more expensive than slate or soapstone, although preferable on account of its insulating qualities.

Some marbles have spots of flint or other substances so prevalent that it is difficult to drill holes within very accurate dimensions, because the drills run out of true when such spots are encountered. It is therefore necessary to make an allowance of approximately $\frac{1}{16}$ inch for such contingencies, and on this account holes are usually drilled a little larger than absolutely required.

In addition to this, difficulties are encountered in the marble

works owing to the state of the art which prevents the manufacturers from cutting to dimensions without some allowance. This allowance has been determined, the average commercial limit being about $1/32$ inch plus or minus from the dimension specified. Most work may be expected to come within these figures which ordinarily will never be exceeded, except for single switchboard panels intended to stand alone, in which case this high degree of accuracy is not required.

On account of the liability of oil stains and dirt disfiguring a marble switchboard, general practice for power station work has dictated that the marble panels should receive a finish which will not show oil and dirt and which will present a uniformly good appearance after long service. This has been attained by the introduction of the black marine finish. In order to apply it, the marble panel is given a fine honing, after which it is coated with the marine finish, whereby the whole surface is given a beautiful uniform dull velvety black appearance. This surface may be rendered free from damage by oil spots if it is specially treated, but in such a case it shows a slight luster. This finish is very durable and is easily repaired when damaged.

Another finish which is sometimes used is black enamel baked on. The coating is entirely oil-proof, but the enamel shows scratches easily and while it is more expensive, it is not so good as the black marine finish, inasmuch as damages are not easily repaired.

It must be borne in mind that polished marble is a natural product and therefore its colorings and markings are irregular and variegated. It is often very difficult, and in some cases impossible to obtain at different times, panels which will match exactly in color and general appearance. Of all varieties obtainable, the blue Vermont marbles are the most uniform in this regard, but like all marbles they possess many variegations. It should also be noted that when polished marble is exposed to light for a period of time, or put in a dry place; bleaching and drying take place, thus causing the colors to fade. Hence matching up an old panel from records, will not insure the duplication of the coloring. Wherever possible the standard black marine finished marble should be ordered if a serviceable switchboard is desired and the difficulties involved in matching panels are to be avoided.

In low-potential service slate is used to a large extent for switchboard panels, switch bases and similar purposes. It has the advantages of being easily cut and manufactured, and it is stronger, in

general, than an equivalent thickness of marble. It cannot be recommended for service on pressures above 600 volts because it does not possess the high insulating qualities of marble. One of the disadvantages of slate is its general appearance which necessitates that it be finished in some way, if good looks are desirable. The finishes most often given it are black marine, black enamel or some form of oil treatment. When finished, slate presents an appearance which is equal to that of any finished marble, although it lacks the insulating qualities of the latter.

There are several varieties of slate obtainable, those most commonly used being the black slate, gray slate and purple slate. Some of this slate has spots of various colors which would look bad if the panels were not given some sort of a finish. The same finishes may be applied on slate as described for marble. The slate, as usually obtained, is sand-rubbed and a final finish is put on afterward.

Beside the finishes mentioned, the slate may be given an oil finish which will prevent oil spots from showing. A popular oil-finished slate with some installations is the black Monson slate. This is simply a slate which is given a special oil treatment, the original name being derived from the quarries at Monson, Maine, from which this slate was obtained. A good appearance is often obtained by using black slate just well rubbed with oil. This finish may hardly be distinguished from black marine. There is a special finish for slate known as marbleized which consists in applying a pigment in streaks in connection with an enamel, to represent various colorings of marble. This finish is used by manufacturers of face plates for starting rheostats, but it is almost never employed for switchboard purposes.

Soapstone is softer than slate, and is therefore easier to cut and manufacture into shapes. On this account it is often turned up into bushings and planed into various forms for structural work in power plants. This material absorbs moisture more readily than marble, although the best varieties are better in this regard than slate, but it is inferior to marble and is rarely used for switchboard panels.

The manufacturers of soapstone specialties have every facility for working this material and shipping it cut to any desired shape, so that it is frequently shipped direct from the quarry to its final destination in carload lots, for use in connection with the bus compartments, etc., of large power installations. The surface of

soapstone is so porous and spongy that it does not permit a suitable finish for fine switchboard work. It has a wide field of usefulness as a material for insulating bases, flameproof barriers and shelves in high-tension power installations where a material which can be readily worked with tools must be used. It is supplied in its natural color and is sand-rubbed for nearly all classes of service.

The installation for high-tension panels is similar to that for low tension. Instruments are mounted on the upper parts of the panels, control and operating devices in the middle within easy reach, that is, from 3 feet to 3 feet 6 inches from the floor, while relays are put on the base. This type of panel is used when the number of units is small, and when the extension of the board does not become too great. It is also used in cases where the space afforded by the control apparatus if removed to another board would be occupied by closely spaced instruments, which would hinder the attendant from readily picking out the required instrument. They are almost always used for hand or wire-rope operated oil switches. Where it is desired to mount the oil switches and accessories on a separate framework, the latter can be either of angle iron or gas pipe. An auxiliary frame of angle iron is sometimes preferred but it involves a special design for each plant with all ironwork drilled and fitted especially for the apparatus. Gas-pipe frame, however, can be easily put together with standard clamps; it is adjustable and easy replaceable in emergency to suit the local conditions.

The oil switching devices, meter transformer busbars and other accessories are located on suitable supports in the rear of the panels or in compartments, the switching devices being operated by means of bell cranks and levers, ropes or electrically. The bell cranks and levers can be placed beneath the floor or, if no basement is available, in pockets in the floor with suitable covers, or they may be supported overhead. They may even be arranged to operate on the surface of the floor.

Figs. 212 and 213 show a 2300-volt a.c. switchboard for the average central station. The switchboard contains panels for two exciters, of which one is driven by an induction motor. Both exciters have their own panels. This arrangement has the advantage that each panel with its exciter can be considered as a unit, and can be disposed of or added as such if any change is made in the equipment. These panels are set up at the extreme end of the switchboard so as to distinguish between the low-tension d.c. and the high-tension a.c. sides of the board. The next panel is for the induction

motor which drives one of the exciters. This motor is supplied directly from the busbars at 2300 volts which presumes that the other exciter is driven by an engine, or from some other independent source. In almost all new plants a Tirrill regulator is installed, which is mounted between generator and exciter, but which may here be placed on the motor panel, as there is sufficient space to receive it. As the regulator is to control two exciters, an equalizer rheostat

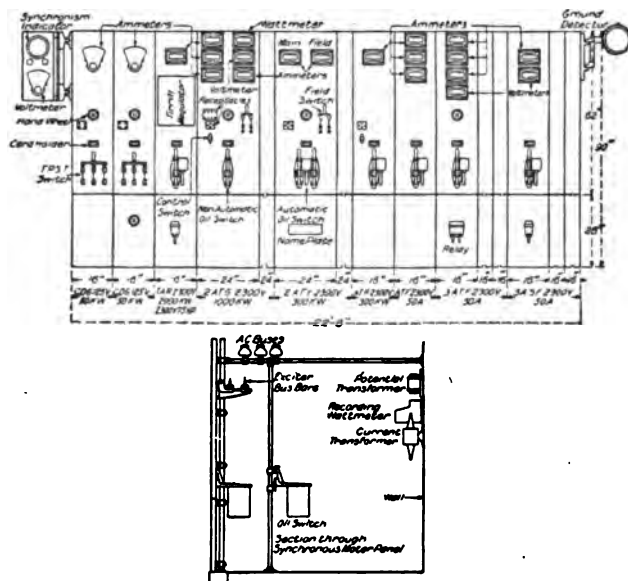
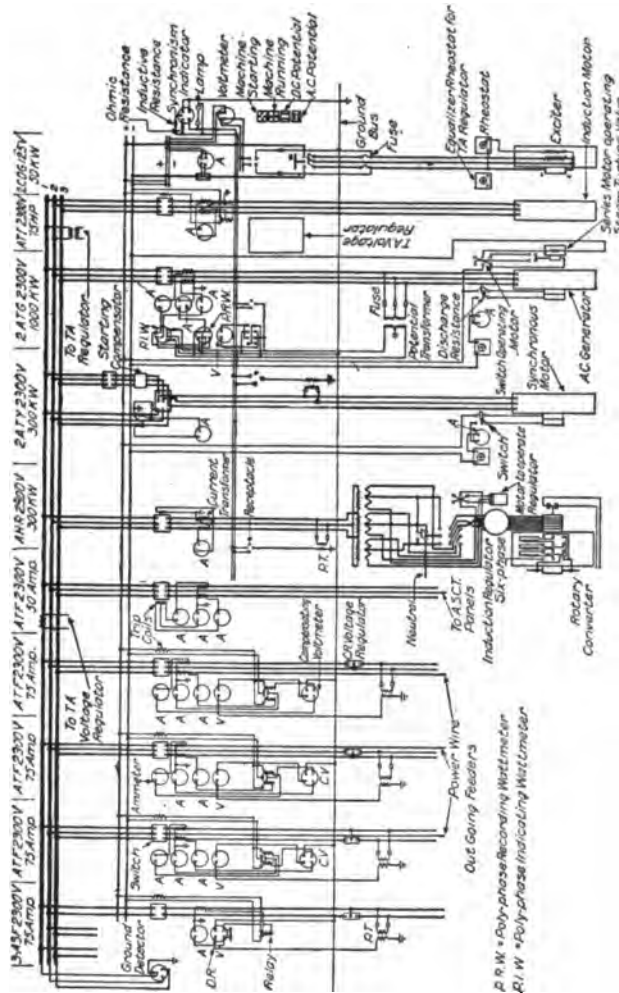


FIG. 212.—Front and end view of a 2300-volt alternating-current switchboard.

should be added on one of the exciter panels. The voltmeter for the exciters is mounted on a swinging bracket on the d.c. side of the switchboard.

The next panels in order are the two generator panels, each for 1000 kw., 2300 volts, equipped with the following instruments: Three ammeters (unbalanced load), one polyphase wattmeter, from which is read the load division on the two generators, one field ammeter, which, as previously mentioned, facilitates detection of generator troubles, one voltmeter, to read the voltage of the machine between any two phases, and also the potential of the buses by means of an eight-point receptacle, one four-point synchronizing receptacle with the necessary synchronizing plugs, one double-pole single-throw field switch with discharge clips and resistance, one field

rheostat, which, when small, is mounted on the panel and is operated by a handwheel, and when large is placed away from the boards and is operated electrically or by chain; and one triple-pole single-throw non-automatic oil switch. Non-automatic oil switch is



Most a.c. generators are so designed that they can carry a momentary short-circuit without injury. When panels are furnished for turbine-driven generators rated at more than 500 kw., a double-pole double-throw engine governor control switch is furnished for controlling the motor of the governor. Two series and shunt transformers are provided for the instruments which are generally mounted on pine supports or on the wall. (See side elevation.) The synchronism indicator with signal lamps is placed on the swinging bracket with the d.c. voltmeter.

When motor-generator sets are used for furnishing either Edison three-wire d.c. service or 500-volt railway or power service the synchronous motor is supplied directly from the main buses. The equipment for the motor consists of a triple-pole single-throw magnetizing oil switch, a starting compensator, and a triple-pole double-throw oil switch. In starting it is supplied with current through the magnetizing switch and compensator, and through the other side of the double-throw oil switch when running. The magnetizing switch and the double-throw switch are interlocked so that the latter is either directly connected to the busbar, in which case the primary switch is open, or to the compensator, in which case the primary switch is closed. Operation is accomplished by two handles so that only one at a time can be in the outer position. In place of a double-throw oil switch two single switches are sometimes used, so that the motor is started through two switches and is maintained through one. In the side elevation there is shown the magnetizing oil-switch mounted on a separate pipe support at the back of the board. The equipment for the synchronous motor panel is one main ammeter, one field ammeter, one field switch with discharge clips and resistance, one rheostat with handwheel, one synchronizing receptacle, and one shunt and two series transformers built into the feeders.

The next panel is that for the synchronous converter. When converters are used for feeding Edison three-wire service it is customary to install a regulator on the a.c. side of the converter in order to be able to control the e.m.f. of the d.c. service. This regulator is usually made motor controlled, and in such cases a double-pole double-throw switch should be mounted on the panel. Besides this the panel carries one main ammeter, one synchronizing receptacle, one triple-pole single-throw automatic oil switch, and one shunt and two series transformers.

The diagram shows two kinds of a.c. feeders, one three-phase and

one single-phase. The former is used for motor power distribution, and the latter for lighting. If three-phase feeders are used to feed lamps as well as motors, the lighting circuit is connected to one phase of the three-phase feeder, and the regulator is inserted in the same phase.

The three-phase feeder panel for motors only carries three ammeters, one triple-pole single-throw automatic oil switch and two series transformers. Such panels for both lighting and motor power have in addition a compensating voltmeter, a handwheel or

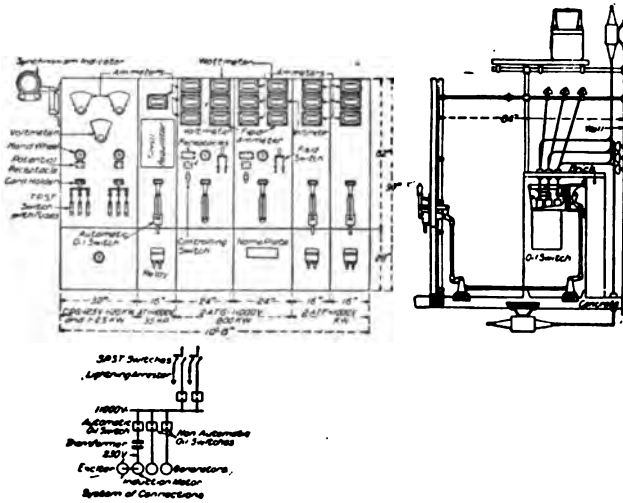


FIG. 214.—High-tension switchboard.

control switch for operation of the regulator, and a shunt transformer.

If single-phase feeders are used for lighting (see also Fig. 204), the equipment should be as follows: One ammeter, one compensating voltmeter, one double-pole single-throw automatic oil switch, one series and one shunt transformer. All feeders used for lighting have inverse time-limit relays. A ground detector is mounted on a swinging bracket and is connected to the busbars. The latter are supported on the pipe framework which holds the panels. As noted above, the series and shunt transformers are mounted on the same framework or on the wall, according to the arrangement of machine cables and feeders. They must never be mounted on the board, however, since they are connected to high-tension wires.

A switchboard for two three-phase 800-kw. 11,000-volt engine-

driven generators, one engine-driven exciter, one induction motor with an exciter and two high-tension feeders is shown in Fig. 214. The two exciters are controlled from the same panel, which therefore carries a double equipment. The induction motor circuit and the feeders are each furnished with three single-pole automatic K4 oil switches operated as triple-pole switches. They are mounted in separate cells away from the board. Similar oil switches, but non-automatic, are provided for each generator. All cells should be

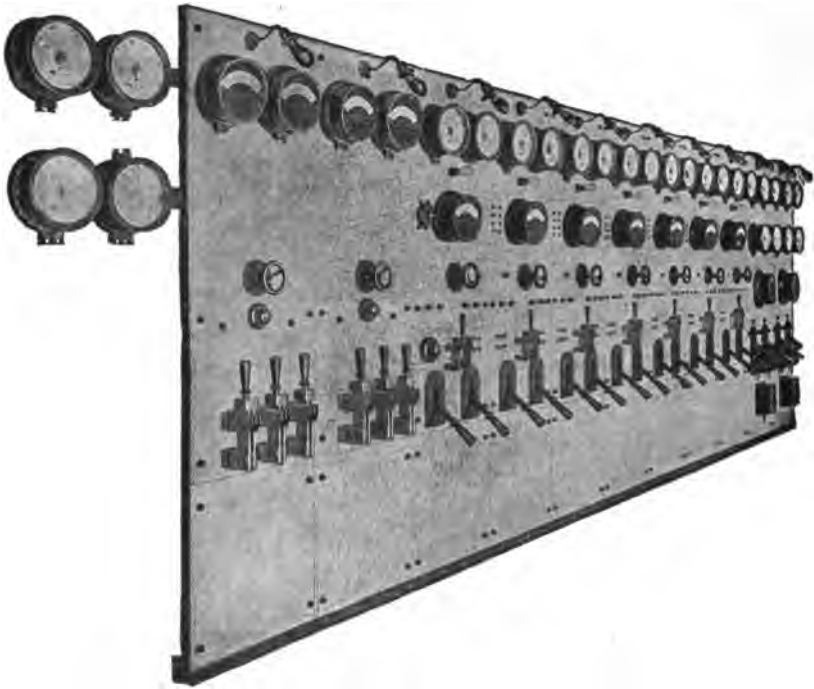


FIG. 215.—1100- to 2500-volt alternating-current switchboard.

placed in a row in the same order as their panels. For each overhead feeder there should be a lightning arrester with two disconnecting switches, one to break the line and the other to disconnect the arrester. The diagram shows the connections by simple lines. The side elevation is the same as that for the central station with the exception that single-pole oil switches are used in place of three-pole. The buses are mounted on insulators above the cells, and are quite exposed. This arrangement is not to be recommended for large installations, for with such high voltages, in this case 11,000 volts and

large kilowatt rating, separate fireproof compartments should be provided for the buses. The small wooden gallery over the buses serves for mounting the shunt transformers, and for the purpose of operating the disconnecting switches, which for the overhead lines are placed high up out of reach.

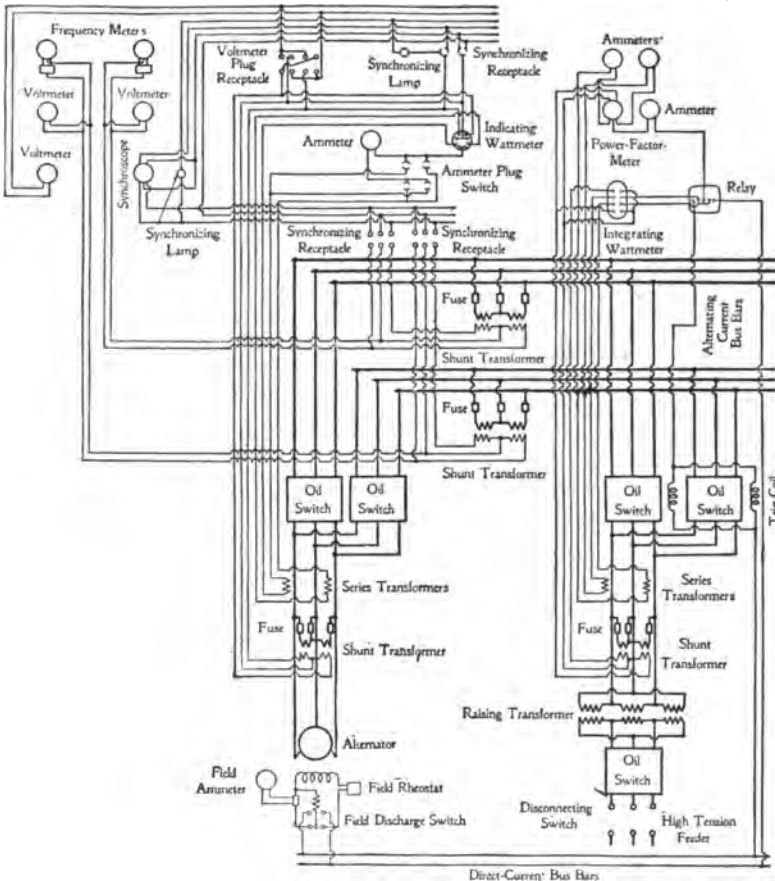


FIG. 216.—Wiring diagram of board shown in Fig. 215.

Figs. 215 and 216 show a Westinghouse switchboard for the control of two 150-kw. 125-volt exciters, seven 1500-kw. 2200-volt generators, and two banks each of three 1500-kw. step-up transformers. The swinging brackets on the left carry three voltmeters and one synchroscope. The next two panels belong to the exciters, and the

next seven to the generators, each one controlling two non-automatic type E oil switches to connect the machines to either set of buses. The rest of the equipment is the same as previously described. The last panels are for the step-up transformer banks, and each carries three ammeters, one power-factor indicator, one polyphase watt-hour meter, and also controls two automatic oil switches with their overload relays. The necessary series and shunt transformers are

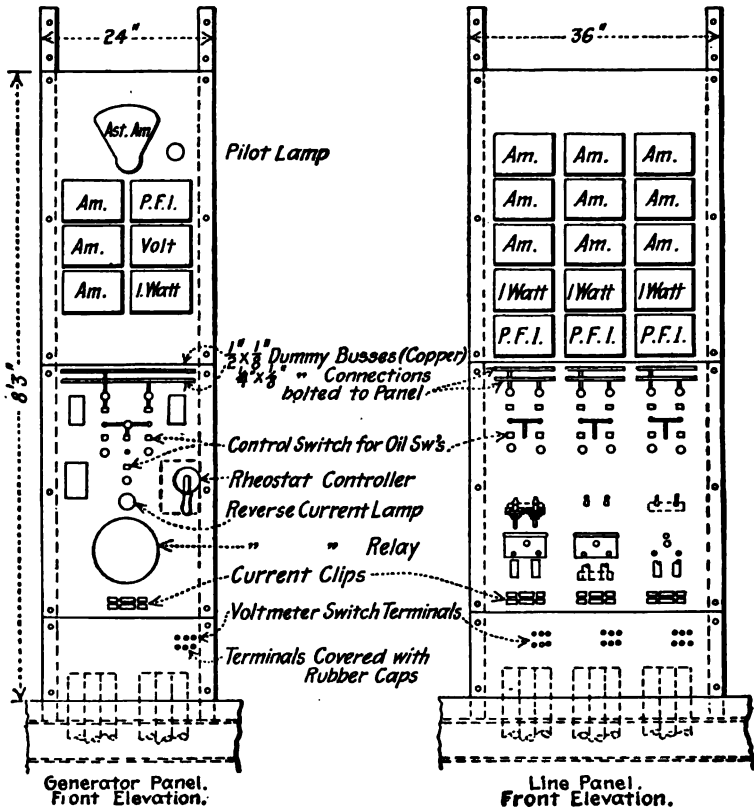


FIG. 217.—Typical generator and line control panel.

built into the line. The diagram shows the connections of only one of the generators with one of the transformer banks. All buses, oil switches, and instrument transformers are enclosed in separate fire-proof cells and compartments. A voltmeter and frequency indicator are connected to each set of busbars.

A typical arrangement of feeders and generator panels is shown

in Fig. 217. The switchboard is set up separated from the oil switches and busbars. In order to indicate to the attendant the functions of the various oil switches controlled and operated from the board, there are mounted on the board next to the control apparatus a set of mimic busbars with connections. The connections to these buses are an exact single line reproduction of the actual arrangement. Small knife-blade switches or white indicating lamps are used in the connections and mimic buses to represent the disconnecting switches. Whenever a set of disconnecting switches is opened the attendant opens the corresponding knife-blade switch in the mimic arrangement, or an indicating lamp is automatically lighted. This materially reduces the liability of wrong switching. Two signal lamps, one red and one green, are connected to the control apparatus to indicate whether the oil switch is open or closed, and a name plate with the number of the generator, feeder or transformer bank is placed next to them. The illustrations in Fig. 217 show two parallel copper strips representing two sets of busbars. On the generator panel there are three control switches which operate three oil switches. The generator has one main oil switch and two selector switches, which connect it to either set of busbars. The field rheostat of the generator is motor operated and is controlled from the board. The feeder panel controls three independent sets of feeders, each of which possesses two electrically operated automatic oil switches. The same is true for the transformer panels.

When it is desirable to reduce the length of the switchboard to a minimum, all control apparatus (for electrically operated oil switches, field switches, field rheostats, governor control, and motor switches, etc.) are mounted on a bench board. Instruments for the various circuits are arranged so as to enable the attendant easily to pick out which instruments and control apparatus belong together. They may be mounted on an independent panelboard or on the panel which constitutes the back of the bench. A panel on the bench itself or on a frame over the bench is also sometimes used. One or more instrument posts might be employed for the same purpose.

Fig. 218 shows a part of a benchboard with instrument board for 100,000 volts. The whole board controls nine 2500-kw., 6600-volt generators, two transformer banks of 4000 kw. each, 6600 volts delta to 66,000 volts star, and two 110,000-volt feeders. When installed complete the board will control the entire station rated at 50,000 kw. On the bench there are mounted the control

apparatus for rheostats, field switches, governor control, and the oil switches for the generators and transformer banks. The plug switches for the synchroscope, ammeter, signal lamps, mimic buses and connections are also carried on the bench. The instrument panel is set up above the bench on a cast-iron frame so that the attendant can see between the bottom of the panel and the top of the bench, and so obtain a full view of the station. The three station instruments on the swinging bracket on the right side can

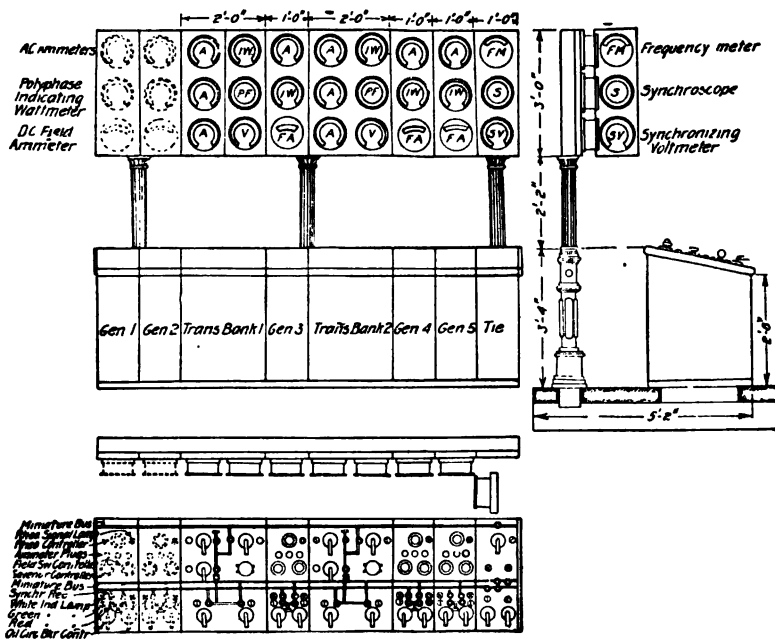


FIG. 218.—Bench board.

be brought into any desired position with respect to the board, so that the attendant can see them from any position. The supports for the instrument panel also serve as a railing around the gallery. The front of the panel faces the inside of the gallery. The instruments on the vertical panel correspond in position to their control apparatus on the bench.

Other examples of this type of switchboards are benchboards for 11,000 volts, set up by the Westinghouse Company in the Williamsburg power house of the Brooklyn Heights Company. A separate bench with instrument board is furnished for the generator control. Opposite the bench is placed a double switchboard

for the control of all other high-tension machines and feeders. The space between the opposite panels in the feederboard is closed by two doors, one at each end. The front and rear board carry both instruments and control apparatus (front board), and also the necessary relays (rear board). The d.c. panels with the exciter, battery, station-lighting and motor panels are mounted independent



FIG. 219.—Fifty-cycle alternating- and direct-current controlling and instrument board.

of the high-tension switchboard. Symmetry and artistic appearance are observed throughout and by compact arrangement a minimum amount of space for controlling the entire large plant is taken up.

Fig. 219 shows a combination of a bench and instrument panel with a panelboard in back of them. In the illustration the panelboard is not shown. The space between the boards is closed by two doors. A cast-iron framework holds the panels together, and

the whole forms an independent closed compartment. The two boards at the extreme right and left control the exciters. Relays, controls for electrically operated field switches, wattmeters, switches for station lighting and watt-hour meters are carried on the rear panel. The benchboard and instrument panel at the front carry the control apparatus and instruments for the generators, feeders and transformer banks. When Tirrill regulators are used they are mounted on the vertical boards on either side of the bench. On the wall in front of the bench there are sometimes mounted the control apparatus for electrically operated rheostats and governor controls, and for the electrically operated gates for the intake water for the power house. The separate parts of the bench and panels are held together by gas piping and clamps. The exciter buses and gas pipes connecting opposite panels should be mounted so that one may safely walk underneath them. Similarly the mounting of the exciter field rheostats and the copper connections to the exciter buses must be such that safe passage is possible.

In some industrial plants, and especially in mining collieries, where very little space for the installation and inspection of the necessary electric apparatus is available, a switchboard system consisting of single removable panels has come into use. This type may be adapted for d.c. as well as a.c. systems of low-, medium-, high- and extra high-tension current.

Each movable panel of the ironclad switchboard stands upon rails in the base of a fixed framework, so that the panels may be withdrawn separately upon a portable temporary track or by means of a light carriage.

A high-tension switchboard has the single panels separated from another and from the busbar compartment by means of fireproof barriers so that the front of the panels carries only the instruments and handles which control the high-tension apparatus mounted on the back of the movable panel. An interlocking arrangement combines the fastening latches with the handles of disconnecting and oil switches so that the switches must be opened before the panel can be removed or returned to position.

The adoption of this method renders it unnecessary to wait for week-ends, or for other occasions when the plant is shut down, to effect repairs or alterations. Hence it permits periodical examinations to be made at reduced trouble and cost. If needed, a reserve panel possessing all the necessary apparatus can be quickly put in place of one removed for repairs.

Instead of mounting the instruments on vertical panels they may be placed on posts with the corresponding control apparatus assembled on a bench or pedestal. Two of these instrument posts with a different number of symmetrically arranged instruments are shown in Fig. 220. They are often used as railing supports when they are placed on the edge of the gallery. Their upper parts are generally movable so that they can be turned by means of a handwheel at their base. Some of them carry a set of receptacles



FIG. 220.—Instrument posts.

with plug switches on the base, for testing the instruments. All instrument wires are carried inside the posts.

Fig. 221 shows two pedestals with control apparatus, which constitute independent units with the corresponding instrument posts. One controls a generator, and the other a bank of three transformers. The control of the former is for oil switch, rheostat, governor-control and field switch. Handwheels for chain-operated rheostats are also sometimes mounted on them. The frame is of cast iron and the panels of blue Vermont marble. Control

wires are led through the open base to the interior, and small doors are provided for inspection of the various connections. The pedes-

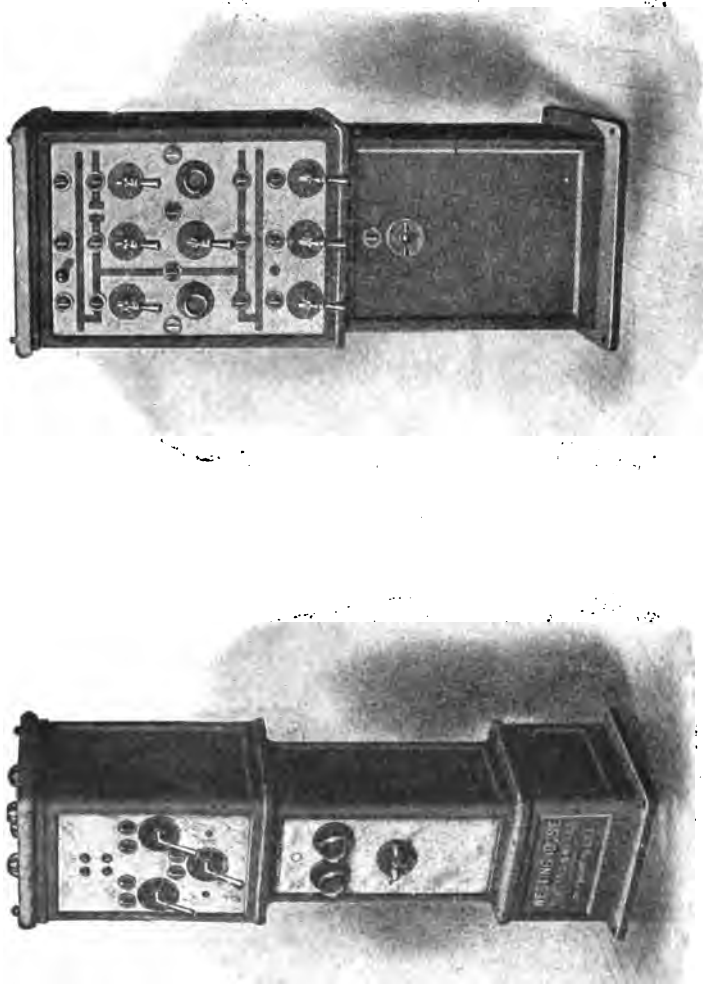


FIG. 221.—Control pedestals.

tals are set up in a row in front of the instrument posts so that the attendant can overlook the entire station. On the second pedestal are mounted the mimic buses and indicating lamps.

CHAPTER XXII

CELLS AND COMPARTMENTS

As has been previously stated, high-tension apparatus and busbars must be guarded by fireproof insulating barriers. The purpose of such barriers, cells or compartments is to protect apparatus, etc., against destruction by fire which may be caused by sparks, arcing or short-circuit, and at the same time to protect attendants from accidental contact with high-tension parts.

Two kinds of apparatus requiring such protection must be distinguished. The first includes appliances whose action is accompanied by sparking or arcs, the duration of which is determined by the voltage and value of energy back of them, as well as by the construction and material of the instruments. Lightning arresters, disconnecting switches, fuses, etc., will serve as examples. Busbars, transformers, oil switches, etc., are appliances which will produce arcing accidentally. The causes for this may be either careless handling, damaged insulation, too high tension, improper spacing, or short-circuit. Arcing is detrimental not only to the apparatus itself, but also to adjacent machinery. In this kind of apparatus the destructive effect is mainly dependent upon the energy back of the arc.

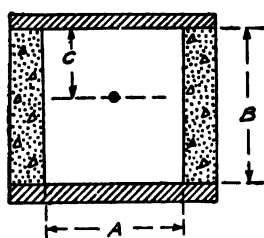
In order to reduce the dangers mentioned above to a minimum the following points should be observed:

1. The system of connections should be laid out as simply as the control of the station will admit.
2. The connections from generators to transmission lines should follow the shortest and most direct path.
3. Apparatus of the first group should always be placed in compartments when under high or extra high tension, while that of the second group at high and extra high tension and large current, and those for smaller current, which are easily accessible, must also be enclosed in fireproof compartments.
4. High-tension parts must be separated from each other, and from inferior insulation, by the greatest possible distance.

The choice of material for compartments is somewhat restricted,

for no material combining the qualities of cheapness, fireproofing, strength and perfect insulation is at present available. Although the material most often used may possess some of the above qualities it generally lacks the property of perfect insulation. High-tension parts must therefore be widely separated on account of the danger of grounding, and this in turn calls for considerable space. Concrete or brick 4 in. thick is most generally used for these compartments. The horizontal divisions are made of soapstone or slate. Glass, porcelain and asbestos are less in use on account of their fragility and poor insulation respectively. For very high tensions, busbars and bus wires are mounted bare. They should therefore be placed near the ceiling in order to prevent accidental short-circuit through falling objects and contact of the attendants.

BUSBAR COMPARTMENTS



Dimensions of 22,000, 33,000, 45,000, 66,000-Volt Compartment are based on the assumption that Bus Wires are fastened to Insulator by means of Tarred Rope. If Metal Fastenings are used or Metal Caps are required for Diskswitches or other purposes, the Dimensions should be increased so as to obtain the same Distance between Compartment and nearest Live Metal.

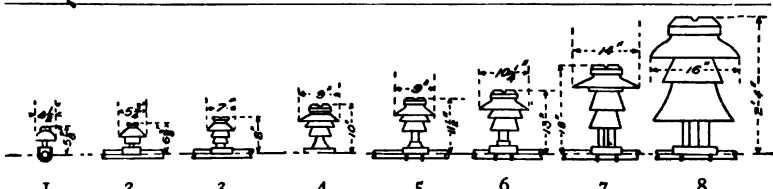
Standard size of Brick, $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$.

Volts	Bus	A	B	C
5,000 to 15,000	One— $2'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$ bar	13"	$12\frac{3}{4}''$	$5\frac{1}{4}''$
5,000 to 15,000	Two— $2'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$ bar	13"	$12\frac{3}{4}''$	$4\frac{3}{4}''$
5,000 to 15,000	One— $3'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$ bar	13"	$12\frac{3}{4}''$	$5\frac{1}{4}''$
5,000 to 15,000	Two— $3'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$ bar	13"	$12\frac{3}{4}''$	$4\frac{3}{4}''$
5,000 to 15,000	$2''$ or $3'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$ bar	12"	$12\frac{3}{4}''$ or $14\frac{1}{8}''$	$4''$ or $5\frac{1}{4}''$
22,000	Wire	15"	$16\frac{1}{2}''$	$8\frac{1}{2}''$
33,000	Wire	18"	$19\frac{3}{4}''$	$9\frac{3}{4}''$
45,000	Wire	$2'1''$	$2'2''$	13"
66,000	Wire	$3'0''$	$3'1''$	18"
100,000	Wire	$4'8''$	$4'8''$	$2'4''$

Where such mounting is not feasible, or where the connections are too complicated, the busbars are built in compartments. These may be entirely closed, having openings or may be open on one side, in which case they would consist of a vertical wall with horizontal barriers between the buses.

The figure and table on page 302 show a typical cross section of one of these compartments, with the dimensions for different voltages for horizontal or vertical mounting of busbars and the use of bus wire. All these dimensions are for the same make of insulators (General Electric), which are built into the horizontal base. The figure and table below show these insulators for different voltages mounted on piping with the distances from center to center and to ground. With any change in dimensions in other makes for the same voltages the corresponding dimensions of the compartments must be changed.

BUS WIRE SUPPORTS



Number	E.M.F.	Spacing	Ground distance	Number	E.M.F.	Spacing	Ground distance
	Volts	Inches	Inches		Volts	Inches	Inches
1	6,600	8	6	5	33,000	18	10 to 12
2	15,000	10	7	6	45,000	25	13
3	22,000	12	8 to 10	7	60,000	36	19
4	33,000	18	10	8	100,000	56	30

NOTE.—Ground distance (usually) = $\frac{\text{Wire spacing}}{2} + 1 \text{ in.}$

Spacing of series transformers (self-cooled):

600 volts	 1 in. clear	6,600 volts	 3 in. clear
2,300 volts	 1.5 in. clear	13,200 volts	 5 in. clear

In Fig. 222 there are shown the cross sections of compartments for 6600 volts and medium rating, and 6600 volts at greater rating. This construction with insulators in the sides of the compartment is good up to 15,000 volts, but for higher tension, openings must be left for the connection. In Fig. 223 are shown a number of different arrangements of busbar compartments, in connection with the oil-switch cells. (Form H₃) for 13,200-volt plants. Note the mounting of the disconnecting switches between the barriers which are shut in by doors in the front. In the left-hand installation the lower stud

of the disconnecting switch is connected to the buses. This arrangement is not to be recommended because when the disconnecting switch is open, which presumes that the oil switch is also open, the handle is alive, although it should be dead in this position. The connections in this case are made of copper rods or tubing, but might just as well be made with copper wires. The space over the compartments is sometimes utilized for shunt transformer compart-

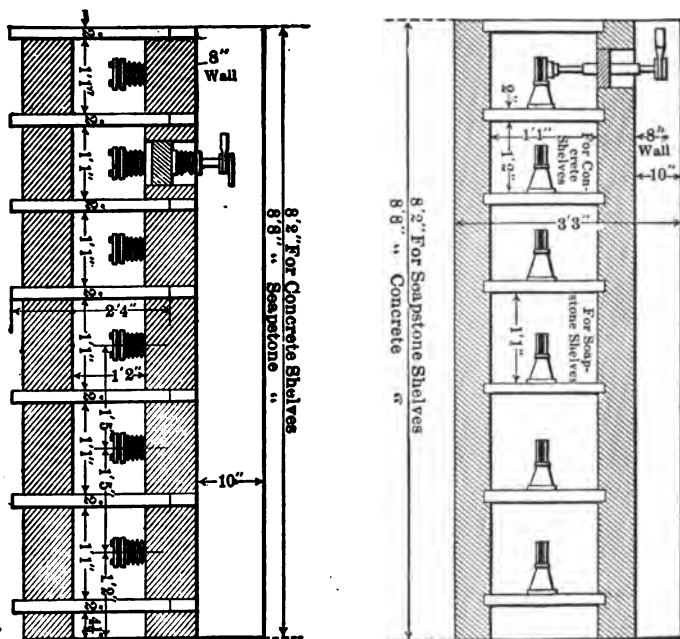


FIG. 222.—Bus compartments for 6600 volts medium and high ratings.

ments. The busbar supports should be set up near the openings for the connections, or if special openings in the back of the compartment are provided, near these, so as to admit of inspection. They are generally spaced about 4 feet apart. Fig. 224 shows a busbar and oil switch structure for a 6600-volt three-phase generating plant with type E solenoid-operated Westinghouse switches.

Fig. 225 shows a section, and Fig. 226 an elevation of oil switch cells (form H₃), and busbar and instrument compartments for a 6600-volt plant, whose control panels were shown in Fig. 217. It will be remembered that in that arrangement the generator was provided with one main and two selector oil switches, and the feeders and transformers with two selector switches each. The two oil

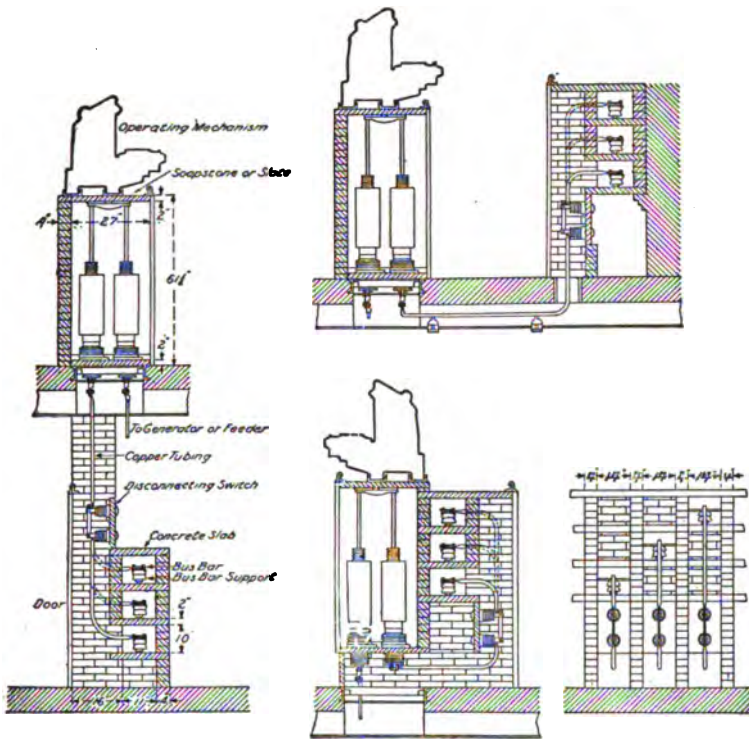


FIG. 223.—Bus compartments for 13,200 volts in connection with motor operated oil switches.

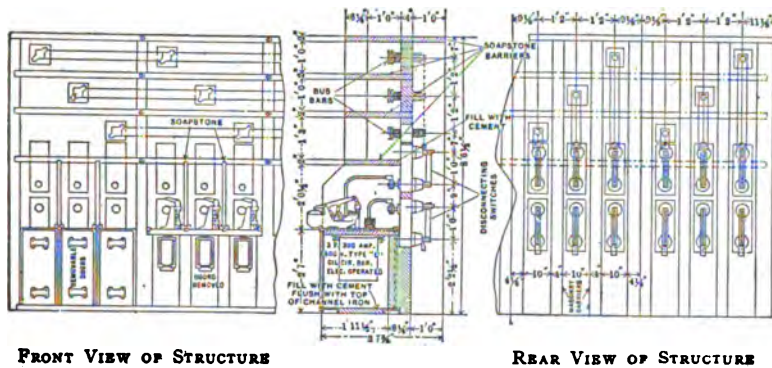


FIG. 224.—Busbar and oil switch structure with solenoid operated switches.

switches of Fig. 225 mounted back to back are the two feeder selector switches mentioned above. The two inner poles are connected together, and the feeders run out from this common connection. The feeders are run on the basement ceiling down the wall, where

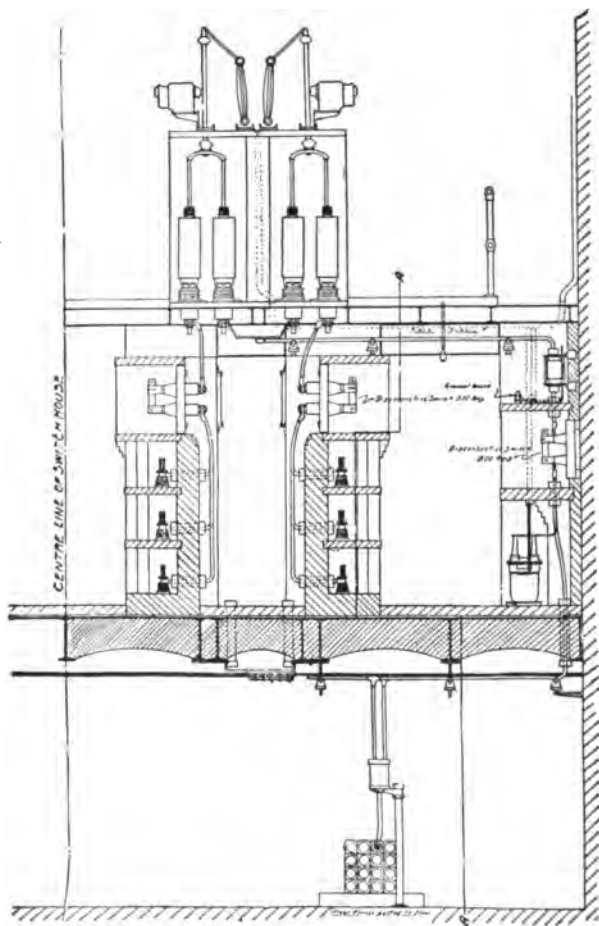


FIG. 225.—Cross section of bus and instrument compartments of the Boston Edison Company Power House.

series transformers are built into the two outer legs. (See Fig. 227.) On the outer side of the transformers are inserted the disconnecting switches which join the transmission line to the station apparatus. The entire equipment on the wall is enclosed in brick

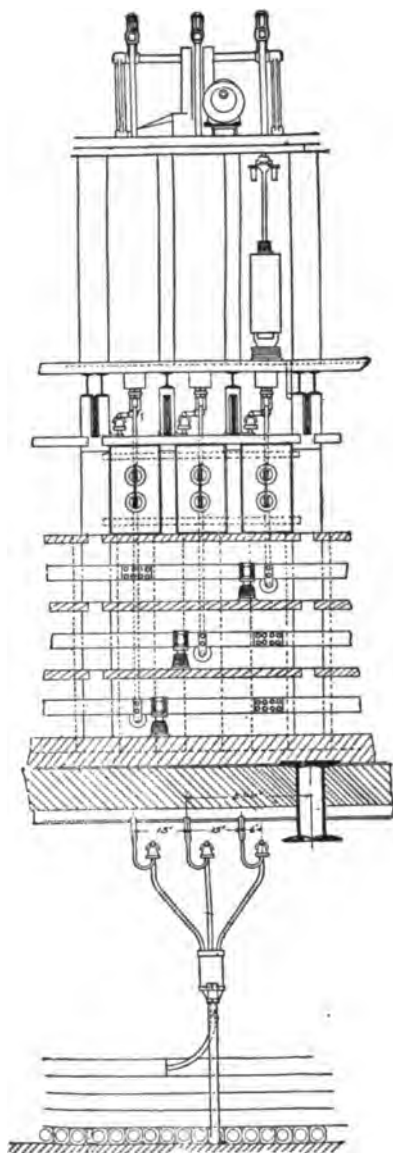
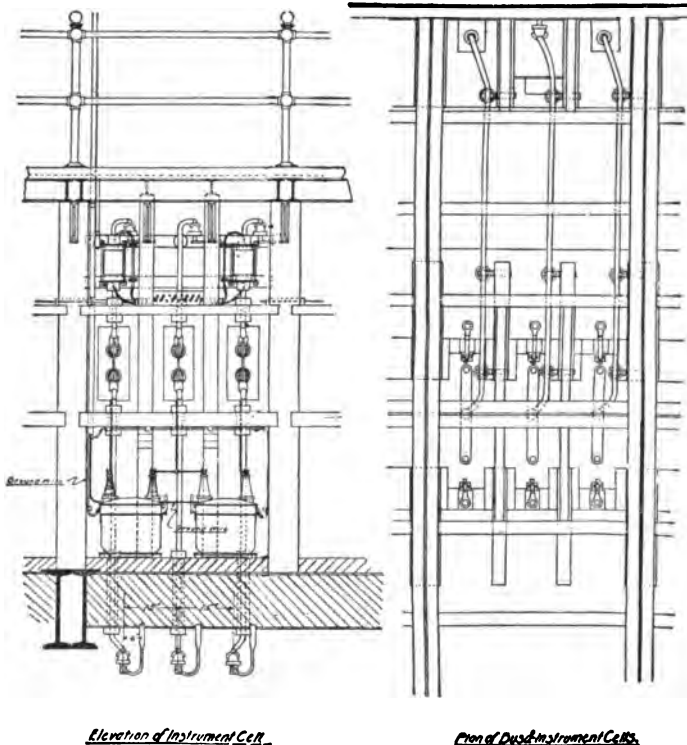


FIG. 226.—Elevation of bus compartments of the Boston Edison Company power house.

compartments. The cables are conducted through the walls and floors in bushings, and the three-conductor cables are joined to the three single feeders by end bells.

In Figs. 228 and 229 the arrangements of oil-switch cells and bus and instrument compartments of the Williamsburg Power Station of the Brooklyn Heights Railway Company are shown. It is a



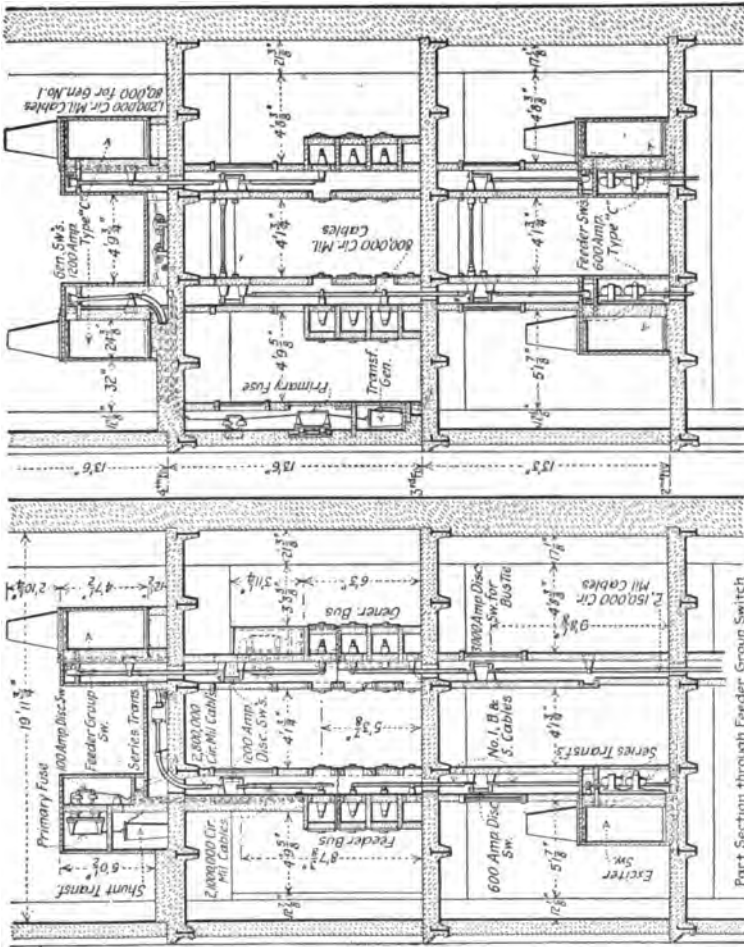
Elevation of Instrument Cells

Plan of Bus and Instrument Cells

FIG. 227.—Plan and elevation of bus and instrument compartments of the Boston Edison Company power house.

four-story arrangement with the generator and feeder group switches on the fourth mezzanine, the busbar compartments on the third and the feeder, motor, and tie oil switches on the second. The oil switches are type C Westinghouse, with terminals on the back of the cell. The series transformers on the fourth mezzanine are set up under a false floor, and those on the second in compartments on the back of the oil switches. The shunt transformers for the generators in Fig. 228 are set up in compartments on the wall of the third mezza-

nine, and those for the feeder group switches on the fourth mezzanine in cells similar to oil-switch cells. Primary fuses are mounted separately, and are easily disconnected from the shunt transformers. Disconnecting switches are also provided between the shunt trans-



Section through Gen. Switches.

FIG. 228.—Cross section through electric galleries of Williamsburg power house.

formers and the high-tension leads. All disconnecting switches are set up in compartments, and are operated through rectangular openings on the front side. Notice that the generator and motor cables, as well as the potential and instrument wires are laid in conduits built into the concrete floors. All of the galleries are en-

tirely separated from the engine room, with the exception of the third, which has a glass-enclosed platform in front of the main switchboard facing the engine-room floor.

Fig. 230 is an arrangement of cells for a 2200-volt plant of large capacity. The arrangement is divided into two parts, one control operating division situated in the engine room, and the other high-

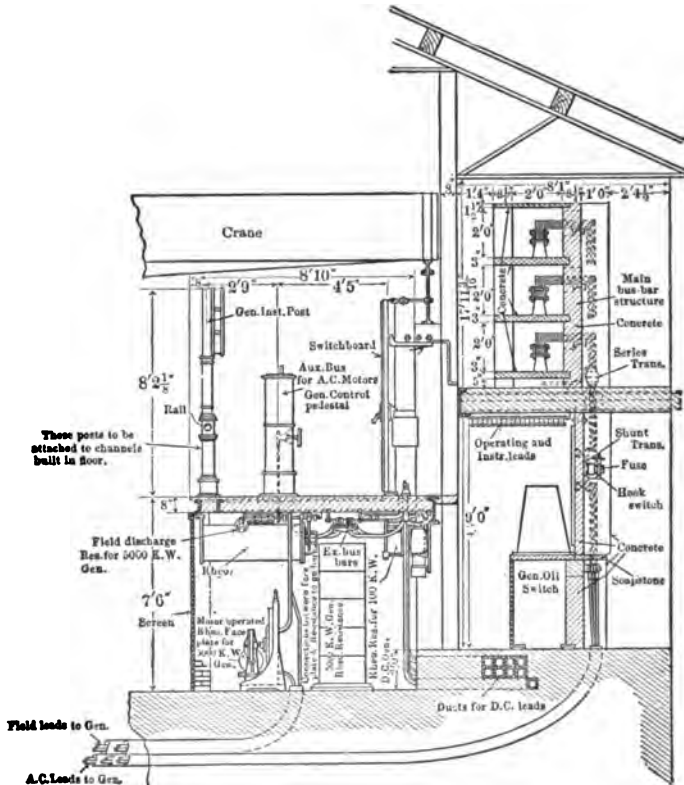


FIG. 230.—Cross section through electric galleries of a large station for 2200 volts.

tension part in a separate room outside the engine room. Part of the first division is on the engine-room floor, and the other part in the gallery. That on the floor is screened off and carries the field rheostats, their operating motors and the exciter buses. In the gallery are mounted the instrument posts, control pedestals, and the switchboard for controlling the exciters, motors, etc. The second division is also composed of a basement and gallery. On the part

on the floor all the oil switches are found, and the busbar compartments are situated in the gallery. The connections are made by copper bars. The bus compartments are open on the front side and the overhanging horizontal divisions are supported by concrete pillars.

It is recommended by some engineers that all instruments and apparatus requiring special cells and compartments on the different

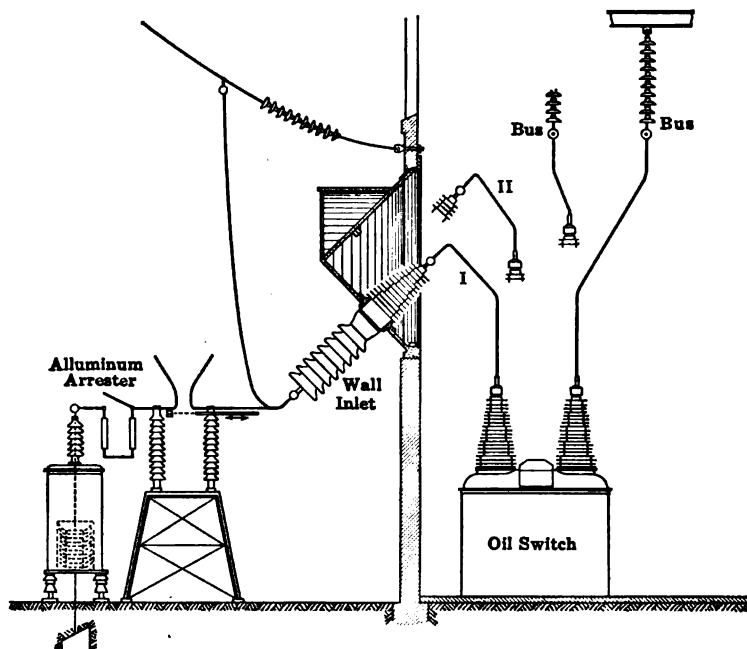


FIG. 231.—Arrangement of lightning protection outside the station building for a 110,000-volt system.

galleries be set up outside the station so as to do away with costly construction, at the same time preserving the requisite conditions for safety to station and attendants. Their argument is, that as long as overhead transmission lines are left unprotected by barriers or special enclosures, even though they carry the same e.m.f. as the station appliances, this station apparatus may just as well be set up in similar manner, provided it is properly spaced and so arranged that accidental contact is made impossible. Such devices may therefore be installed overhead-like transmission lines, with proper protection against snow and rain, etc. Fig. 231 shows such arrange-

ment with the lightning protection situated outside the station building. Note the mounting of busses on hanging insulators.

It will be noted that a more or less arbitrary distinction has been made throughout this treatise between high and extra high tensions. Extra high or highest voltages have been taken as those over 33,000 volts.

CHAPTER XXIII

WALL OUTLETS

BRINGING high-tension lines into stations necessitates carefully constructed wall inlets, which will successfully resist weather and electrical influences. When designing the building the installation of these inlets must be taken into consideration and proper provision for them must be made, for otherwise their location relative to the steel work and the position of the machines might be undesirable. It is impossible to state any hard and fast rules covering all cases, for local conditions generally determine the ways and means for solution. Mr. C. E. Skinner recommends that the following points be looked into before a definite arrangement is decided upon:¹

1. Voltage of the transmission circuit.
2. The climate in which the plant is to be operated.
3. The size and insulation of the high-tension conductor.
4. The kind and height of building used.
5. The conditions of approach to the building and the location of the apparatus in the building to which the high-tension line is connected.

After these points have been investigated, the following requirements must be met by a proper form of inlet.

1. It must maintain proper insulation of the circuit under normal, as well as abnormal atmospheric and electric influences in and outside the conductors.
2. Snow, rain, cold air and dust must be prevented from entering, since they weaken the insulation at the point of entrance, which may result in damaging the contents of the building.
3. The end strains of the line must be taken up, and must not be transmitted to the inlets. Special line poles and supports with insulators outside and inside the station take up this strain and serve to center the lines in the inlet openings.
4. The construction must be reliable, simple and cheap.

The simplest form of inlet is a hole in the wall of sufficient diameter to allow enough open space about the wire to prevent any possibility

¹ "Methods of Bringing High-tension Conductors into Buildings." C. E. Skinner. Proc. A. I. E. E., July 1, 1903.

of an arc striking across to the walls or surrounding material. The opening is protected against snow, rain, etc., by a terra cotta pipe sloping outward or by sufficient extension of the roof above. Special steel or wooden hoods, or a gallery built around the opening on the outside of the wall are also sometimes used. The line must be held in the center of the hole or tube to keep it away from the wall or side

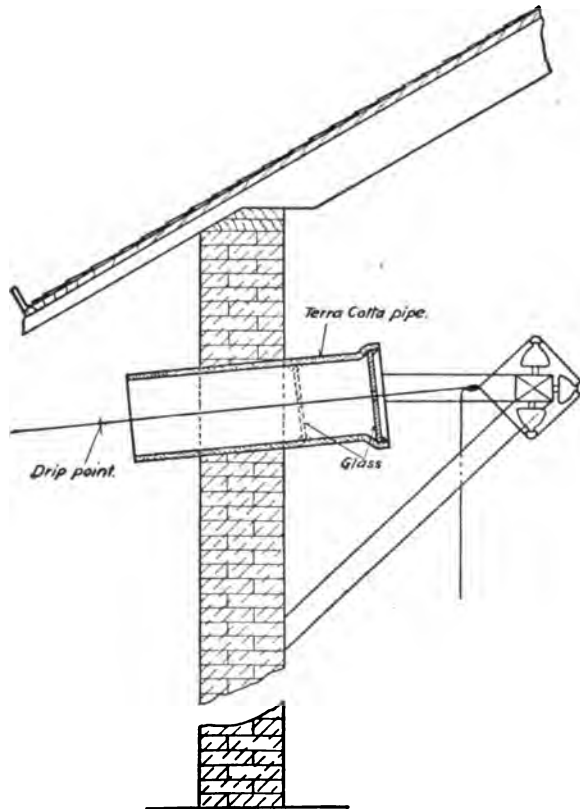


FIG. 232.—Wall outlet with a terra cotta pipe.

of the tube, which are considered as ground. The above arrangement is applicable only for medium tensions up to 15,000 volts in dry and warm climates. For 15,000 volts or less the terra cotta pipe is closed on the station side by one or two glass disks with holes. (See Fig. 232.) In this case the pipe must be of a diameter which will allow a sufficient surface insulation of the glass plate against leakage, which might otherwise produce grounding. The insulation at the inlet

should be somewhat greater than that of the line itself, as otherwise any electric disturbance might cause an arc at this point which could prove disastrous to the building. The main disadvantages of the arrangement are, fragility of the glass plates, opportunity for accumulation of dust and moisture, reducing the surface insulation of the plates, access for birds and insects in the outer part of the pipe, and

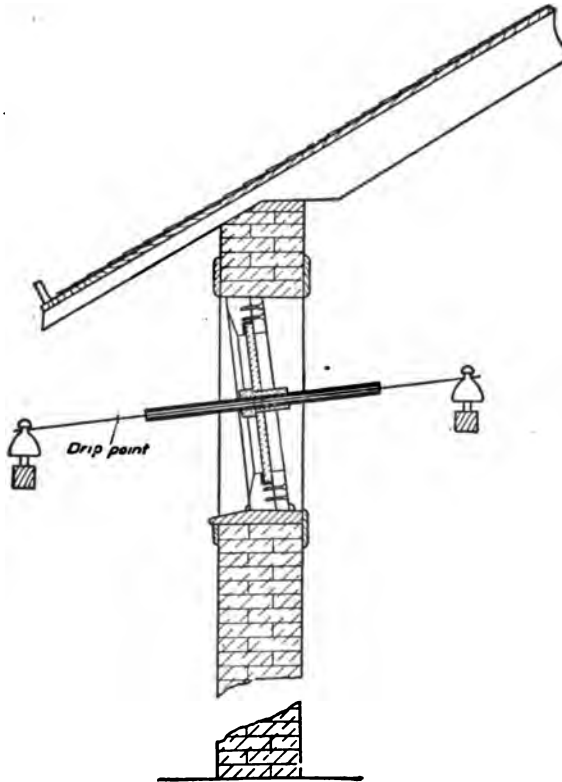


FIG. 233.—Wall outlet with a slab of insulation material and insulating tube.

above all, the large diameter of the pipe which is necessary for higher voltages and unfavorable conditions.

A method used for high voltages up to 60,000 volts is shown in Fig. 233. A long insulating glass or porcelain tube of small diameter and very heavy wall is placed over the wire and passed through a slab of insulation set in the wall of the building, the whole being protected from driving rain by an extension of the roof or special hood. Both tube and slab should be of fireproof material. The

chief difficulty is in securing the proper insulating tubes. Glass and porcelain are electrically the best materials for the purpose, but on account of their lack of mechanical strength even the difference between out-of-door temperature and that inside will weaken them. For this reason the end strain must be taken up outside the building by a suitable guide pole. Sometimes two or three glass plates are used and the tube is cemented through them. In other cases the glass tube is fitted into a wooden tube of paraffined wood and this is set into wooden panels. This arrangement is sometimes used in iron construction. As a rule, however, it is not advisable to make use of combustible material near the line.

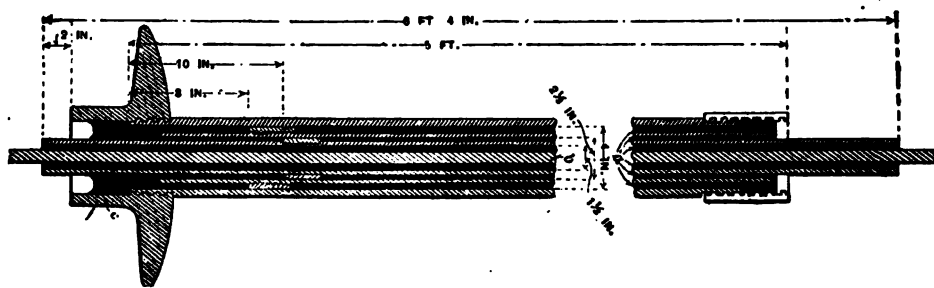


FIG. 234.—Wall bushings for 44,000 volts of the Telluride Power Company.

If the building is too low and the line wires must be carried at a considerable elevation in the immediate neighborhood of the building, or the multigap lightning arresters require a high space for setting up, a tower construction may be necessary for the entrance of the line. Otherwise the inlet is the same as through the side of the building. There are any number of different forms of inlets in use, as every plant and manufacturing concern devise their own appliances so as to suit local conditions.

Fig. 234 shows a wall bushing used by the Telluride Power Company, of Provo, Utah, for 44,000-volt lines. It consists of a set of concentric fiber conduit tubes, the spaces between which are filled with ozokerite while the ends are sealed for short consecutive spaces with chatterton compound, minerallac, and a very brittle asphaltum compound, to prevent the ozokerite from oozing out. The outer end is covered with a porcelain sleeve, and the whole is fitted into a sewer pipe in the wall. It is protected against weathering by a steel hood. These hoods were found to be too expensive and cumbersome and in severe storms they were torn away together with lines

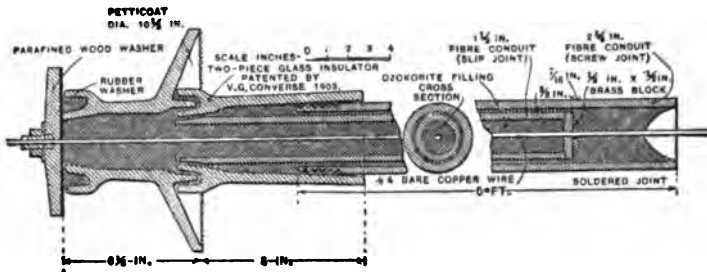


FIG. 235.—Wall bushings of the Telluride Power Company.

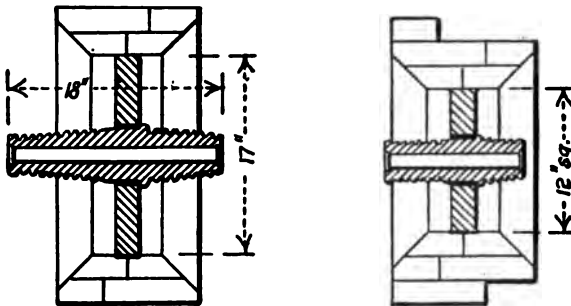


FIG. 236.—Wall insulators for 11,000 volts (R. Thomas Company).

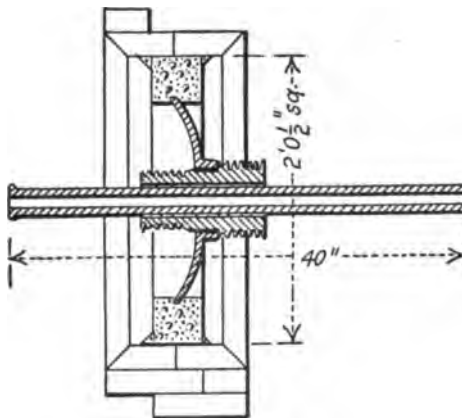


FIG. 237.—Wall insulators for 44,000 volts (R. Thomas Company).

and parts of the building. It therefore became desirable to obtain some other design of bushing of which one end might be directly

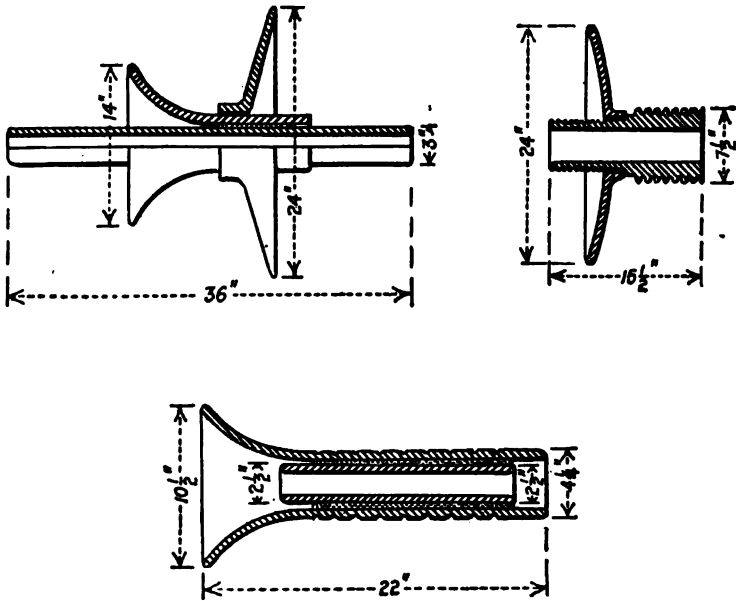


FIG. 238.—Wall insulators of R. Thomas Company for different voltages.

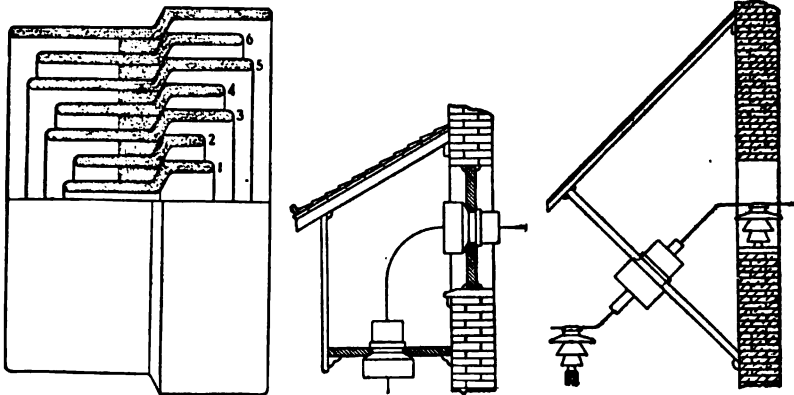


FIG. 239.—Wall insulator (Locke Manufacturing Company).

FIG. 240.—Location of wall insulators.

FIG. 241.—Location of wall insulators.

exposed to the weather, thus doing away with the necessity of a hood protection, and that might be adapted to the walls and as well

as to the roofs of the buildings, and might be of such insulating strength that even a building of the cheapest sheet-iron construction might be used without danger from break-down by puncture. And finally, the cost of material and labor was to be less than for the devices previously used. The bushing in Fig. 235 was found to comply

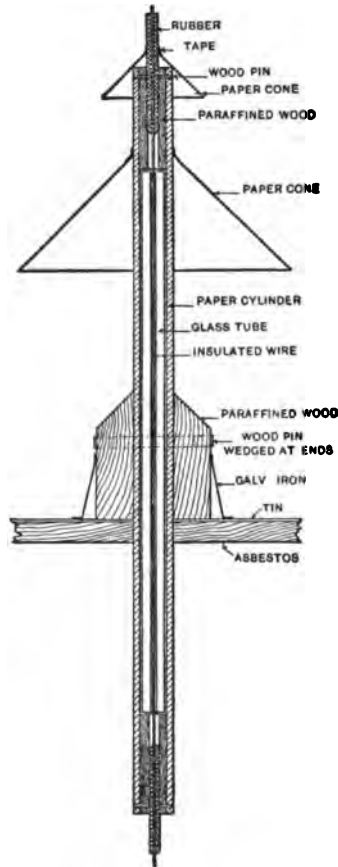


FIG. 242.—Section through 50,000-volt roof insulator.

with all these requirements. It consists of a porcelain petticoat and a glass insulator with a fiber conduit which together constitute the mantle. A second fiber conduit cylinder is placed inside the mantle. The spaces are filled out with ozokerite and in the center is laid the bare No. 4 B. and S. copper wire.

Fig. 236 shows a wall insulator for 11,000 volts manufactured by

R. Thomas & Sons Co. It is made of a porcelain bushing cemented into a soapstone plate which is fitted into the opening in the wall.

Fig. 237 shows a 44,000-volt insulator of the same make. A long porcelain tube is cemented into a shorter porcelain bushing which sits in a tray-shaped plate fitted into the wall opening. The surface insulation of the bushings must be large enough to prevent leakage.

A number of other bushings are shown in Fig. 238.

The Locke Insulator Manufacturing Company produces a bushing consisting of concentric porcelain rings, cemented together, the number of rings depending upon the voltage. The bushing and settings are shown in Figs. 239, 240, and 241. In Fig. 240 the bushing is set into a marble, glass, slate or thoroughly varnished wood panel, whose diameter is twice that of the outside bushing diameter. In Fig. 241 a second insulator tube is fitted into the bushing. The plate in Fig. 240 may be inclined outward so that the special hood can be omitted.

It sometimes becomes necessary to bring the transmission line in through the roof, in which case extra precautions must be taken in order to prevent the entrance of moisture. A bushing made for this purpose is shown in Fig. 242. The outside line is carried on the roof by specially built supports.

A construction of a wall outlet for 110,000 volts is also shown in Fig. 231.

Where conditions admit it is always best to bring the lines in on the gable end, as on the other ends ice and snow are apt to collect and damage the bushings. Drip points should be fastened on the line near the bushings, and extra guide poles should take up the end strain, so as to keep it away from the bushings or wall. The several feeder inlets should be placed far enough apart to secure adequate fire protection and easy orientation.

CHAPTER XXIV

CENTRAL STATIONS

IN distribution systems exceeding a certain size, the use of a single d.c. central station is uneconomical. The reasons for this were stated in Chapters X and XIII. With such systems either one of two methods is followed. The system may either be divided into independent districts, each with its own isolated d.c. plant, or the power generation may be concentrated in one large high-tension a.c. station and fed to sub-stations where it is converted to low-tension alternating or direct current. The choice is determined by local conditions, but in the majority of cases the latter method is adopted.

The advantages of a high-tension a.c. central station regardless of the kind of load may be summed up as follows: The units are of higher rating than those for d.c., so that a greater efficiency is obtainable. Maintenance expenses are lower and when repairs must be made these may be accomplished with greater safety and reliability and at smaller cost. A large saving in operating expenses is also possible since a greater expenditure for labor saving appliances, such as for coal conveying and cinder removing apparatus, may be allowed. The high tension of the system makes it possible to locate the station outside of town limits, so that a greater number of suitable and cheap building sites is available. If isolated d.c. stations are employed to feed a common system, they are subjected to great load variations and therefore operate at low efficiency. By using a single a.c. station, on the other hand, the load variations can be more economically dealt with, and at the same time the cost of reserves is smaller and the managing of the system is simpler and more efficient. The cost of the high- and low-tension feeders with their sub-stations is somewhat higher than that for the low-tension feeders of the d.c. isolated stations.

The location of an a.c. station is governed by the same considerations that were found to apply to d.c. plants, with the exception that not so much attention is paid to the location with respect to the load center. The main points to be investigated are as follows:

- i. Accessibility, (a) for delivery of coal and removal of cinders;

(b) for delivery of heavy machinery; (c) for connections to mains; (d) for officials and workmen.

2. Proximity of water for condensing and boiler feeding.

3. Stability of foundations. If an artificial pile or concrete foundation must be made the initial cost is materially increased.

4. Isolation to secure freedom from causing nuisance by noise, vibrations, smoke, dirt, fuel, carting, etc.

5. Facility of extension, which includes the possibility of purchasing adjacent ground for future extensions.

With water power stations, the choice of building site is determined by the topography which must be such as to give inlet and exit of water with minimum loss of head, the shortest feasible penstock and the greatest security from variation of head. It must also afford security from floods, possibility for extensions and easy access for overhead lines.

There are some cases where the development of hydro-electric energy has attracted industries to such centers, a notable example of which is Niagara Falls. The causes, however, which have been active in locating these industries at the Falls have not been exclusively cheap electric energy, but it has been the combination of this essential element with unexcelled transportation facilities by both land and water and the presence of a large part of the consuming population of the United States within a comparatively short radius. The position held by the developments at Niagara is of course unusual. For the most part, hydraulic power is found in remote localities which owing to topographical and other adverse conditions, do not lend themselves well to the establishment of ideal manufacturing sites. It is apparent then that water power generally is subject to limitations as to location, and if energy generated from waterfalls is to become available for industrial uses it usually means electrical transmission over a greater or lesser distance. With a given percentage of profit the distance that may economically intervene between the point of generation and that of utilization depends principally upon the total amount of energy that may be marketed, considered in connection with the unit price that may be obtained through its sale.

A comparison drawn between a steam-driven power plant and a hydro-electric plant shows the limitations and advantages of one or the other system.

While the reliability factor of the generating and receiving machinery of a water-power plant is equal to or better than that

of its competitors and while transmission construction has attained a substantial basis, reliability of the latter being much enhanced by the use of duplicate lines, yet where it is necessary to transmit energy uninterruptedly over long distances, reliability is a characteristic which should receive careful attention. To insure this reliability large expenditures in reserve equipment at the receiving end of the transmission system are regarded as a necessary adjunct to any well-planned enterprise.

If energy from remote waterfalls is to compete successfully through the medium of electrical transmission with energy locally generated, one of the chief essentials is that the former shall be generated and transmitted in large quantities. The nature of power load as measured by load-factor forms quite an important element in determining the value of hydro-electric energy as compared with energy generated in steam-electric plants. In large steam-driven electric plants operating at low load-factors of some value in the neighborhood of 20 per cent. or below it is the rule to find that this method of energy production outstrips its hydro-electric competitor in the matter of cost. However, as the load-factor increases above a certain value hydro-electric energy shows up to better advantage. This is due to the fact that the cost of hydro-electric energy is practically fixed and independent of the amount used, whereas in the case of steam-produced power a much larger proportion of the operating expenses depends upon the consumption.

Owing to the comparatively small number of employees required for the operation of hydro-electric plants, together with their freedom from difficulties of fuel supply incident to strikes, freight congestion, etc., steam-electric energy suffers in comparison with hydro-electric energy in the ability to supply non-interrupted energy with water-power plants. Large investments in fuel are therefore unnecessary to tide them over an emergency like a fuel famine. This need of steam plants for comparatively large amounts of working capital as compared with hydro-electric plants gives the latter quite a strategic position as compared with the former and is one of great importance, particularly in times of financial stringency.

Quite an advantageous operating characteristic of a water-power plant compared with a steam-engine plant is the relatively large increase in gross receipts without a corresponding increase in operating expenses.

Owing to the relatively large proportion of total investment in hydro-electric enterprises devoted to construction of more or less permanent nature as compared with the equivalent steam plants, the amount that is necessary to set aside annually to cover depreciation of plants of the former type ranges probably from not more than one-third to one-half of that required for plants of the latter class.

The measure of success with which hydro-electric energy will meet in competition with steam energy locally produced will depend largely upon the price of steam fuel in the locality in question, together with the possible economies attending its use. Our principal fuels are wood, oil and coal. Wood is no longer taken into consideration, and oil, although used quite extensively in some parts of the country, is of limited occurrence and may cease to be an important element as a source of energy. Coal is therefore the chief remaining steam fuel, and as it advances in cost hydro-electric energy furnished under proper conditions promises well to hold its own with energy generated from this most important combustible.

The increase in size and number of units in recent power houses and systems as well as the use of high-speed turbo-generators has necessitated the application of external reactances and an increase of the reactance in generators and transformers. The reactance is necessary for safety, to limit the possible local concentration of power, for voltage regulation in systems containing synchronous machines and also for the stability of the latter, as the parallel operation of synchronous machines, whether generators, motors or converters is possible only if the circuit between the machines contains considerable reactance. Furthermore, as no switching mechanism can be designed which can always be relied upon to open a short-circuit on the busbars (sometimes of thirty to forty times full load current, depending on the capacity of the generators), the insertion of power limiting reactance in generators, busbars, etc., becomes necessary for the safety of the system.

These reactances must be large enough to limit the power which can flow over them, so that in case of a short-circuit on a section of the busbar arrangement, the adjoining busbar sections are only moderately affected and the further busbar sections not affected at all; at the same time, the reactances must be sufficiently low and of sufficient capacity so that any amount of current which a busbar section may draw from the adjoining busbar section during a change

of load can be safely transmitted over the reactance without any voltage drop, by a slight phase displacement between the adjoining busbar sections.

The external reactances put in service in addition to the increased internal reactances of the transformers, generators, etc., must be made as nearly fireproof as possible, and very strong, since the greater part of the shock caused by short-circuit has to be absorbed in the reactance. A form of reactance with a hexagonal concrete core has been developed. In this concrete radial arms around which bare cables are wound are embedded. The cable is insulated by mica sleeves at the point of contact with the radial arms, and usually two or three layers are wound on the cores. One of the largest installations of this kind is in the Quarry Street and Fisk Street stations of the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, where each machine is protected by its own reactance, thereby limiting the flow of current in case of short-circuit to about twelve times normal. The busbar is divided in the Fisk Street station, and between the two sections a busbar reactance is installed. The tie-feeders of the Quarry Street station are each protected with reactance and the entire system is thus operated in parallel.

As mentioned before reactance is also necessary for the synchronous operation of machines, and the larger the reactance is compared with the resistance of the cross circuit, the larger will be the synchronizing current of the cross current. Increasing the reactance therefore increases the synchronizing power—to a certain limit.

Another method of limiting the trouble in case of short-circuit has been to ground the neutral of the system, in some cases with resistance, and in some without. As a rule, grounding the neutral of the generators on an underground system will protect the system from a complete short-circuit across the phases, since most of the trouble on underground cables starts first as a puncture from one conductor to the lead sheaths. With a ground on the neutral of the system, the oil switch of the particular feeder would be caused to open. Without the ground connection, the oil switch of the feeder would not open until the puncture had developed sufficiently to cause a short-circuit across the phase conductor. This usually takes a certain definite time, and much burning may, therefore, take place before the short-circuit develops.

Resistance is inserted in this neutral ground circuit to limit the flow of current in case of breakdown of any of the cables, although too much resistance would mean that the switches would not open

and consequently the fault would probably develop into a short-circuit across the phase. It is, therefore, advisable to limit the amount of resistance installed, and in all cases it should be so designed that in case of short-circuits a sufficient amount of current can flow to trip the switch with the lowest overload setting. Even with this amount of resistance in circuit, the feeder will not be disconnected from the system as promptly as it would be without the resistance; since, of course, in case of puncture from one conductor to the lead sheaths there is a certain amount of resistance in this circuit. With the installation of reactance in circuit there is less need for resistance in the neutral circuit because the current flow is limited by this reactance.

One of the most important parts of a generating station is the exciter system. Different means are accepted to produce the exciting current. In some generating plants each of the generating units are made self-contained through a direct-connected exciter. This system tends toward simplification and reliability; but as we seldom know the ultimate capacity of the generating station, and therefore the number and probably the future size of the generators, there is a serious objection against the use of a large number of direct-connected exciters because the initial desire for simplicity may result ultimately in complication. Furthermore, trouble with the direct-connected exciter may involve the shutting down of a large unit at a time when its capacity is greatly needed. This interruption may keep on, at least temporarily, until such time as other arrangements for excitation can be made.

Therefore, two independent sources of excitation supplying one common exciting system are recommended, namely, the steam-driven (or water-driven) and the motor-driven. Trouble which might develop in any of these cases would not necessarily involve the operation of the system and would not affect the operation of the individual units of the system. Until now the motor-driven exciter has been supplied from the a.c. generating system. Great objection, however, has been raised against taking feeding current from the system, on account of the fact that any short-circuit may cause the driving motor to drop out of step and thus cause a shut-down. Another objection against feeding the motor of the electrically driven exciter from the main line has been brought out in the operation of some of the large systems. Where several large machines are operating in parallel, with exciter and other small auxiliary machines operated from the system, the loads are

necessarily small, the current transformers operating the relays are of small capacity, and consequently it is difficult to obtain adequate protection against trouble on these auxiliary circuits.

To avoid these objections C. W. Stone¹ recommends for a steam-driven power house the use of a non-condensing turbine unit with a low-voltage generator, which should supply, independently from the main system, all the electrically driven auxiliary machines such as circulating pumps, exciters, etc. In the case of larger stations it may be advisable to use two of these low-voltage generator units. As an emergency connection with this exciter system, transformers could be installed so that the auxiliaries could be operated from the main system if necessary. This connection would probably be of a capacity equal to that of the other feeder going out from the station; the protective device, therefore, could be made as reliable as those on any of the feeder circuits.

Storage batteries are very often used to supply exciting current in emergencies. They are controlled through a booster by means of an automatic regulator which keeps the exciter bus at constant potential.

In any large up-to-date installation, a great number of automatic appliances will be found. From boiler room to feeders, the control and handling of large outputs implies the use of labor saving devices to cut down operating expenses whenever possible without impairing the efficiency of the service. In small or medium size stations, however, it is not always an easy matter to determine to what extent the installation of such appliances may be depended upon to give economical results. Their cost in such cases may be out of proportion to the total cost of the plant, so that the saving in operating expenses which they afford will not be actual gain. In very large plants the appliances of this sort will include circuit breakers and oil switches, potential regulators, boosters and batteries, motor-operated circulation pumps, feed water regulators, as well as coal conveyers and cinder removal appliances. Another class of devices serves to indicate the conditions existing in the station apparatus. Signal lamps, for instance, are used to show whether the oil switches are open or closed, which of the exciters is in service, or what set of busbars or feeders is in circuit. In the same way automatic tell-tales serve to attract the attention of the operator to the temperature of the transformers or to the height of the water level in the boilers.

¹ "Some Problems in Central Station and Sub-station Operation," by C. W. Stone, published in *General Electric Review*, June, 1912.

When an overload switch opens, that fact is announced in the same way. Automatic steam engine cut-offs and speed-limiting devices are important protective appliances. When it is desired to start or stop an engine, generator, exciter, etc., communication between switchboard attendant and boiler engine room is facilitated by whistles, gongs, telephones, speaking tubes and illuminated letter signs. Sluice gates, engine and turbine governors, steam and water inlet valves as well as field rheostats and generator field switches, can be operated electrically from the switchboard.

In order to make the right selection, it is absolutely essential that the final installation be carefully considered as well as the ultimate capacity which must be controlled. It is also very important that the essential features of switchboard design and arrangement be well worked out before the station design is settled whenever the switchboard control involves ducts, conduits or other arrangement for cables, special provision for floor beams, and supporting structures or masonry, together with line outlets or any other structural details which may be required to secure a suitable system of wiring and control.

In alternating-direct current systems, the cost of sub-stations and feeders is an item of considerable importance. Under the discussion of d.c. plants it was pointed out that an increase in the service voltage materially reduces the expense for the copper transmission lines. This applies to an even greater extent to a.c.-d.c. systems such as traction systems when the d.c. service voltage of the system supplied requires to be raised. A larger service voltage, therefore, with the same line drop will give a greater length of line, that is, if the line drop is fixed, any increase in the service voltage makes possible a corresponding increase in the distance between sub-stations. If the load increases directly as the length of the line, then the distance between sub-stations and consequently the length of the transmission line will vary directly as the increase in service voltage, the line drop having the same value in all cases. If on the other hand, the line is extended and the load remains constant, then the distance between the sub-stations will vary as the square of the voltage increases. In actual practice, however, the true value is the average of the two extremes, that is, if the voltage is doubled the distance between sub-stations is tripled, and with 3 times the voltage the distance will be 5 times as great. It therefore becomes evident that if in traction systems a high d.c. voltage is used the number of sub-

stations is reduced and a great saving in the cost of installation is afforded.

In Chapter XIII there are enumerated a number of considerations which apply to the design of switching arrangements. Point 5 states that the choice of units is determined by the size and kind of service required of the machines. Under the heading of "kind of service" we have the following classification:

1. Direct-current feeding for street or interurban railways. This implies an a.c. central station with sub-stations. The service voltage may be either low (500 to 600 volts) or high (1000 to 1200 volts), and the a.c. may be converted either by synchronous converters or motor-generator sets.

2. Alternating-current single-phase traction service with a.c. central station and sub-stations. The high tension is transformed to a service voltage of from 2100 to 2300. Motor-generator sets are sometimes used to change the frequency, phase or voltage of the supplied current to suit the required conditions.

3. Alternating-current series lighting systems for arc and incandescent lamps, with central station and constant-current transformers. The primary voltage of the transformers is 1100 to 2200, and that of the secondaries depends upon the number of lamps connected to them in series.

4. Power distribution at 110 to 220 volts or 500 volts, alternating or direct current. Direct-current power distribution is analogous to case 1. The direct current may also be supplied through mercury rectifiers. Alternating-current distribution is analogous to case 2.

5. Three-wire system, requiring central station and sub-stations. Motor-generator sets or synchronous converters are used for converting the a.c. into d.c. The service voltage is 110-220 or 250-500.

In any of the above cases transformer banks may be used in the central station to step-up for high tensions for long-distance transmission. Where direct current is delivered, the sub-stations are equipped sometimes with storage batteries which are kept as reserve or to be used in service during a part of each day. (See Chapter V.) The converter and transformer stations may be located in the central station itself or in separate buildings or they may be portable. The transformers for a.c. service are often put on poles or the sides of buildings near the places of consumption. (See Chapter XXVI.)

The matter of size of units for a given total station rating is decided by the kind of load and the cost of reserves. In the case

of a generating station feeding into an underground system of a given length, there exists a minimum value as regards the output of the smallest generating unit. It is unsafe to drop below this value, lest we produce resonance of the fundamental frequency. The following data were obtained from a number of installations in actual service.

SIZE OF UNITS FOR GIVEN SIZE OF STATION

Required kw.	Units		Reserve	
1,000	Two	500	One	500
2,000	Three	800	One	500
3,000	Four	800	One	800
5,000	{ One	800 }	One	1,500
	{ Three	1,500 }		
7,000	Two	3,500	One	3,500
10,000	Three	3,500	One	3,500

Still larger stations employ units of 5000, 8000, 10,000, 15,000 up to 20,000 and 25,000 kw. For all of the material of a high-tension distribution system, viz., generators, transformers, motors and cables, there are proposed as safety coefficients the values given in the following table.

Volts	Coeff.	Volts	Coeff.	Volts	Coeff.	Volts	Coeff.
2,000	4.7	4,500	4.0	7,000	3.5	12,000	3.0
2,500	4.5	5,000	3.9	8,000	3.4	13,000	2.9
3,000	4.3	5,500	3.8	9,000	3.3	14,000	2.8
3,500	4.2	6,000	3.7	10,000	3.2	15,000	2.7
4,000	4.1	6,500	3.6	11,000	3.1	17,000	2.6
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,000	2.5

These coefficients represent the relation between normal pressure and that which may be applied instantaneously to the material without breaking it down. This does not refer to the breakdown resistance between the winding and the frame, but between the wires of the windings. For cables these safety coefficients are understood to apply between the conductors or between one conductor and the armor.

The minimum pressure for a given system below which it is impossible to go is determined by the distance of transmission and the drop of potential allowed in the line. On the other hand, the choice must also be guided by the maximum surge tension produced by a sudden change in pressure. The maximum surge tension produced theoretically in the alternators can be shown to be almost independent of the normal pressure of the machine and to approach the value of 150,000 volts. It is obvious that such values can be obtained only by a combination of the most unfavorable conditions, viz: absolutely instantaneous break of a short-circuit at the exact moment when the current is at its maximum; but nevertheless it is certain that even under less difficult conditions, there may be built up surge tensions which are much higher than the pressure which the machines are able to withstand. This mentioned fixed value of the surge tension, whatever the nature of the machines, justifies the conclusion that it is far less dangerous to employ high-tension alternators than generators of medium voltage.

If we adopt the foregoing values as coefficients of safety, it is easy to show that for each voltage there is a certain output of the generating station which must not be exceeded to prevent the surge tension from rising to a dangerous value; or conversely, that for a given output of the generating station there exists a definite minimum value of the working pressure. The following table is the results of a combination of voltages and outputs per phase arrived at by this method.

Volts	Va.	Volts	Va.	Volts	Va.	Volts	Va.
2,000	70,000	4,500	285,000	7,000	580,000	12,000	1,370,000
2,500	104,000	5,000	345,000	8,000	730,000	13,000	1,500,000
3,000	140,000	5,500	400,000	9,000	890,000	14,000	1,700,000
3,500	186,000	6,000	465,000	10,000	1,050,000	15,000	1,800,000
4,000	235,000	6,500	520,000	11,000	1,200,000	17,000	2,200,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,000	2,600,000

The absolute value of the surge tension decreases in inverse ratio to the voltage, but the relative value is inversely proportional to the square of the voltage, and it is obvious that we should employ as high a voltage as possible. On the other hand, alter-

nators constructed with windings from which the air has not been expelled, very quickly deteriorate through the formation of ozone, and are also less safe if the voltage is too high.

The following tables showing the rating of some of the more well-known large stations will give a general idea of the development of modern plants.

RATING OF WELL-KNOWN STEAM POWER PLANTS

	Rated kw. capacity	Overload kw. capacity	Ultimate kw. capacity
Chicago Edison Co. (Fisk Str., Quarry Str., and Northwest Plants).		244,000	492,000 (overload)
N. Y. Edison Co. (Waterside No. 1 and No. 2 and 140th Str. Plants).	216,000	249,000	366,000 (rated)
Interborough Rapid Transit Co. (59th and 74th Str. Plants).		171,750	475,000 (overload)
Boston Edison Co. (L. Str. and Atlantic Ave. Plants).	100,000		
N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co. (Port Morris and Yonkers Plants).	40,000	60,000	80,000 (rated) 120,000 (overload)
Pennsylvania R. R. Co. (Long Island and Service Plants).	40,000	75,000	86,000 (rated)

In general, the central station building should be of fireproof construction. It is usually built of brick and steel. The foundations are of concrete resting on solid sub-soil (or piling with concrete). The machine foundations should be independent of the building foundations. It should support the machine by distributing its weight over sufficient soil to carry it. Then it has to absorb the vibrations of the running machine and at the same time it must withstand any tendency to topple sideways due to the pull of belts or the settling of any soft spot in the soil beneath the foundation. The less depth given to a machine foundation the better. Therefore, should great depth be required in order to support the machine at a considerable distance above bedrock or firm soil, it will be better to put in a system of pillars, piling or arches, to carry a low, flat foundation to which the machine can be attached, and the posts, columns, or arches should be calculated independent of the

RECENT HYDRO-ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS

WITH TRANSMISSION VOLTAGE OVER 100,000 VOLTS

Name and location	Trans- mission voltage in kv.	Present capacity of plant in kw.	Ultimate capacity of plant in kw.	Fre- quency	Total length of trans- mission in miles
Eastern Michigan Pr. Co., Michigan.	140 Δ	10,000	.....	60	125
Mexico Northern Pr. Co., Mexico	110 Y	31,200	46,800	60	125
Mississippi River Pr. Co., Keokuk, Ia.	110 Y	135,000	270,000	25	150
Georgia Power Co., Tallulah Falls.	110 Y	30,000	60,000	60	160
Ontario Power Co., (Hydro-El. Comm.)	110 Y	78,800	175,000	25	280
Sierra-San Francisco Power Co., Cal.	104 Y	34,000	34,000	60	100
Yadkin River Pr. Co.	103.9Y	27,000	.....	60	150
Great Falls Water Pr. & Townsite Co., Montana.	102 Δ	21,000	21,000	60	135
Southern Power Co.	{ 100 Y 50 Δ	66,000	.....	{ 60 60	500 400
Great Western Pr. Co., California.	100 Δ	40,000	100,000	60	157
Central Colorado Pr. Co., Colorado	100 Δ	20,000	20,000	60	183
Grand Rapids Mus- kegon Power Co.	110	.....	10,000	30	.....
Shawingan Water Pr. Co.	100	.....	40,000	60	80
Commonwealth Power Railway Co.	140	.....	15,000	60	220
Pacific Light & Power Co.	150	.....	120,000	50	280

fact that a machine foundation is to be supported. A traveling crane which will safely carry the heaviest machine parts is essential. Ample space should be allowed for the machines for easy and safe inspection and handling of parts while repairing. With vertical steam turbines sufficient space between the outer casing and the gallery or engine-room floor should be left, to allow both expansion

at high temperature and removal of the sections of the casing. In designing the building, future extensions should be taken into account with respect to ultimate symmetrical arrangements of the machines and to continued running while building annexes or while installing new machines.

CHAPTER XXV

TYPICAL CENTRAL STATIONS

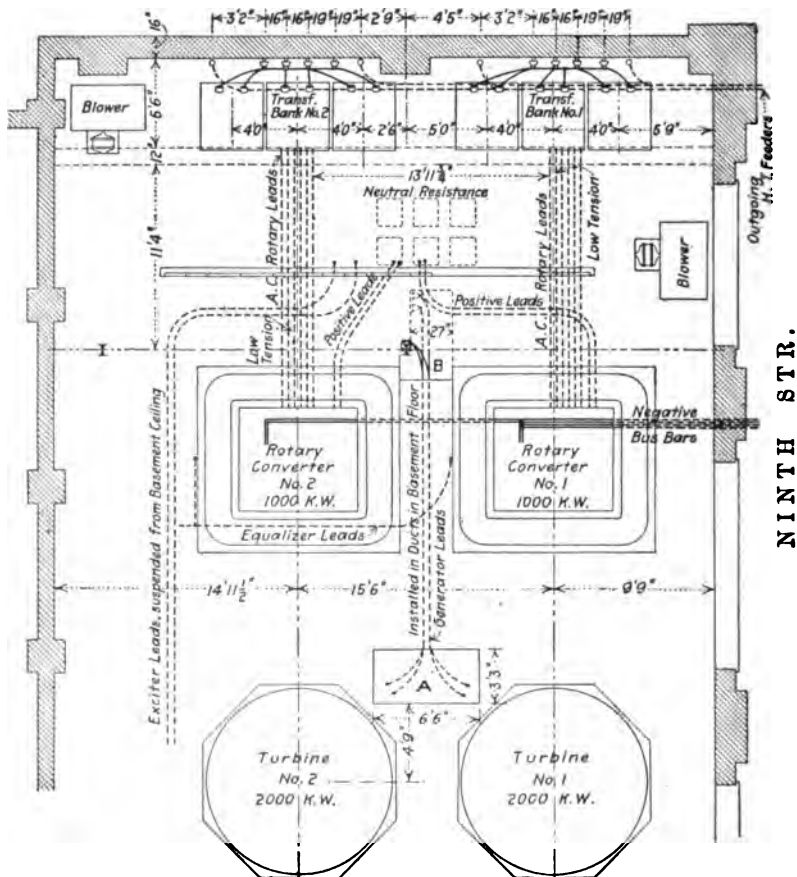
CONEY ISLAND AND BROOKLYN RAILROAD

THIS system controlled previously three independent d.c. central stations, conveniently located with respect to the three main lines of traffic. The one was situated in De Kalb Avenue, the second in Smith Street, and the third in King's Highway. The latter was used only during the summer when traffic to the pleasure resorts at Coney Island is heavy. The equipment of all three stations was largely composed of old machines, which were not equal to the increase in traffic, and the company therefore decided to convert the d.c. installation into an alternating-direct current system. A change of this kind in a service like that between New York and Brooklyn could only be accomplished gradually. It was also planned to keep some of the oldest d.c. machines as reserves and to maintain two of the latest types in service. The following arrangement resulted from these considerations. An extension has to be built to the largest of the three stations in Smith and 9th Streets, making an 11,000-volt a.c. central station with two 2000-kw. Curtis turbines. The extension has to contain a sub-station with two 1000-kw. converters, and the d.c. reserve and the 800-kw. d.c. machine which were to be kept in service and remain in the old part of the power house. The other two d.c. central stations were replaced by sub-stations. The boiler room and water and coal supply arrangements were evidently adapted to the larger a.c. central station. The author's designs for the electrical part of the extension which were adopted with slight changes are given herewith.

The plan, cross section and outline of the engine room and gallery are shown in Figs. 243, 244, 245 246 and 247. From the two turbo-generators, the lead-covered, three-conductor cables are passed through the foundations in clay tiles to the middle column supporting the gallery. They then lead up this column to the engine-room floor, where they diverge and run half way up the columns on opposite sides.

This arrangement has been somewhat changed, so that now there

are three separate cables leading from a terminal box on the turbine to the basement. These then run along the basement ceiling to the columns.



Plan of Engine and Basement .

FIG. 243.—Plan view of engine floor and basement of the Coney Island and Brooklyn R. R. Co. Power house extension.

The three phases are separated in an end bell, at which point they diverge, and after passing through the series transformers reach the terminals of the generator oil switches (type H₃). Note that these switches are set up in the front part of the gallery. The gallery is not large enough to allow setting all the necessary oil switches in one row,

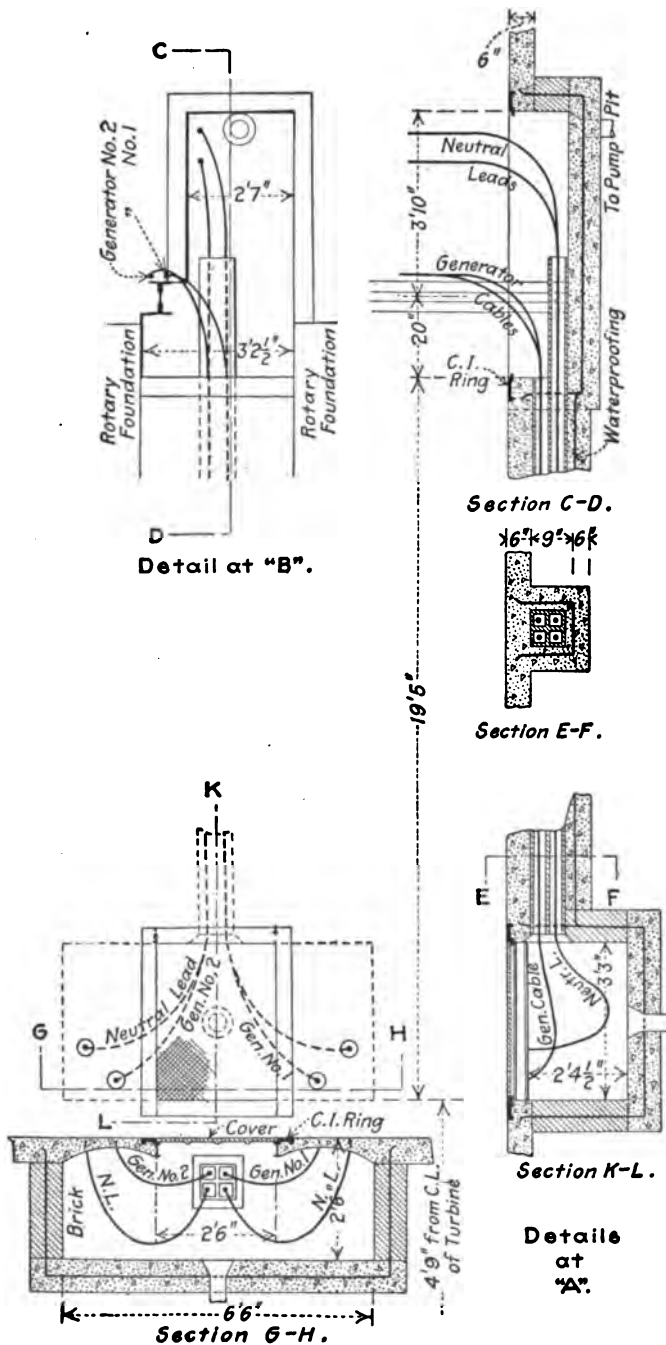


FIG. 244.—Handholes and ducts for the generator cables, Coney Island and Brooklyn R. R. Co.

and still keep sufficient space for operating. The series transformers are placed on the gallery ceiling.

The second change that was made was to place the generator oil switches on a compartment at the same height as the other

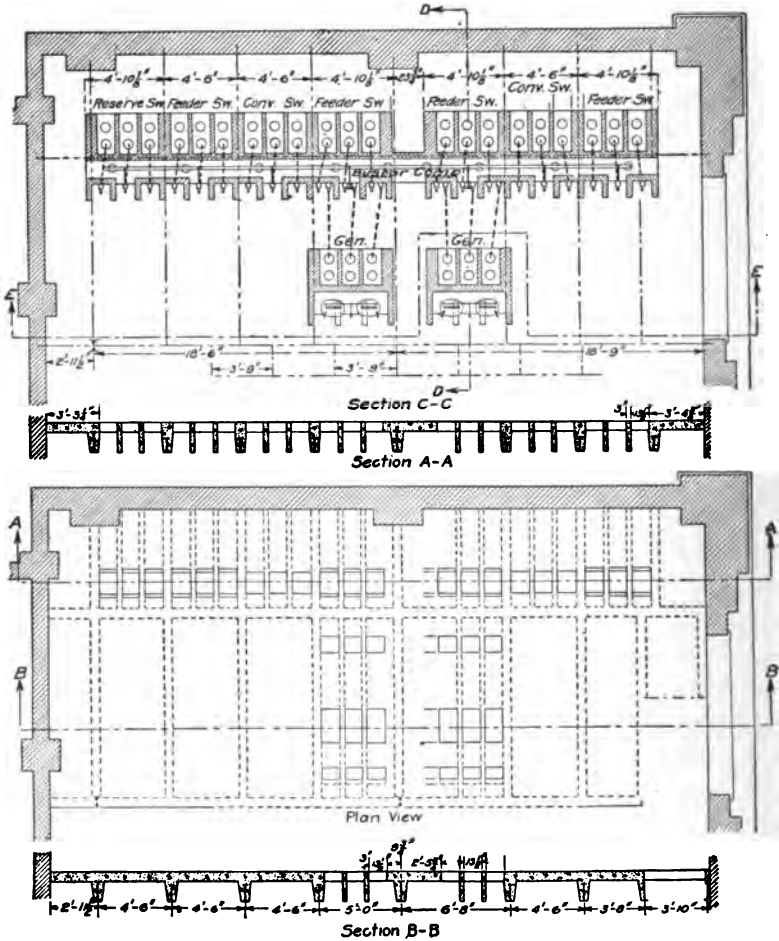


FIG. 245.—Plan and construction of switchboard gallery, Coney Island and Brooklyn R. R. Co.

oil switches, and the series transformers were put into these compartments.

The shunt transformers are in a cell back of the generator oil switch cell, and their fuses are mounted on a separate slate base,



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and may be used as disconnecting switches. There are no disconnecting switches on the generator side of the oil switches, for it is assumed that the oil switch will be accessible when open, i.e., when disconnected from the busbars, and when its corresponding turbine is not running. From the generator switches, the cables run to the disconnecting switches through which they are connected to the busbars. The buses are enclosed in compartments back of the feeder oil switches. The walls are of brick and the covers of slate, and the openings for the cable connections are on the front side. Over the busbars there are mounted the cells containing the shunt transformers for the feeder instruments with the necessary fuses. Their cells are similar to those for the generator shunt transformers. The feeder and converter oil switches are set up in a row with the door side toward the rear wall.

The plan of the gallery shows that the rows of oil switch cells and the corresponding disconnecting switch compartments are broken at about the center. These breaks are necessary to afford room for operating the bus sectionalizing switches, which are inserted for the purpose of dividing the entire equipment into two distinct parts. On each side of the section switches there are connected to the buses one generator, one synchronous converter and two feeders. The two sub-stations are connected to both sides of the buses each by two sets of feeders, and a reserve switch is provided on the side toward the old building. The feeder oil switches are provided with disconnecting switches on both sides. Those on the busbar side are mounted in a row of compartments facing the front of the gallery, and those on the feeder side are on the terminals of the oil switches in separate compartments under the oil switch cells. Note that all disconnecting switches are located on the same gallery together with their oil switches. This has the advantage that the attendant may easily assure himself that the oil switch which he is inspecting or repairing is dead and that it remains so while handling it. The feeders are run out of the station underground in tile ducts as lead-covered, three-conductor cables. The converter oil switches as mentioned above, are located in the same row as those for the feeders but are furnished with only one set of disconnecting switches and these on the busbar side. They are omitted on the transformer side for the same reason that they are left out on the generator side of generator oil switches, namely, that the oil switch is inspected when it is open and disconnected from the busbars, and when the converter is not running. On the engine-room floor under the gallery there are

set up two sets of three single-phase 375-kw. air-cooled transformers. The transformation ratio of these Y-connected transformers is 11,000 to 430 volts. The twelve low-tension cables run along the basement ceiling in two rows to their starting panels, whence six cables lead through the foundations of the converters to the brushes of the collector rings. Fig. 248 is a detail drawing of the foundations of one of the converters, showing the relative positions of the ducts and openings for the cables and busbars.

A wall shuts off the rear part of the basement and the air circulation for the air-cooled transformers in the resulting chamber is produced by two blower sets placed on the engine-room floor. The blower on the right side toward Ninth Street is joined to the chamber by a sheet metal air passage. The other, which is located directly over the chamber on the left side, will have to be removed in case of any further extension. The transformers are set up over the

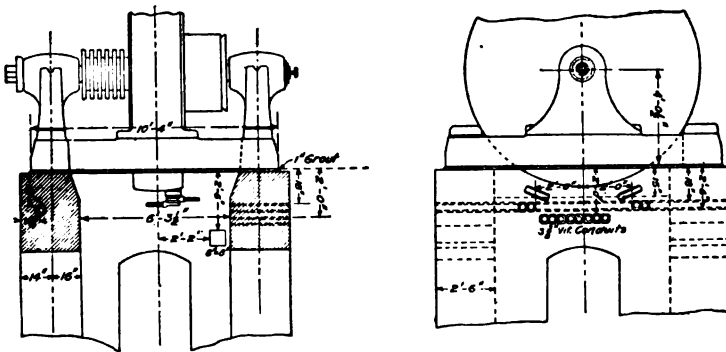


FIG. 248.—Concrete foundation with ducts installed for a converter.

chamber on air-tight frame supports of channels and I-beams. In order that the transformers may be removed, two traveling differential pulleys running on tracks fastened overhead to the gallery beams are provided. If a transformer is to be moved, therefore, it is first raised by the pulley directly over the transformer row and a small carriage is run underneath, while the opening in the air chamber is closed. The carriage is then run under the second hoist, which carries the transformer between the back of the switchboard and the row of transformers to the left wall, where it can be handled by the main crane.

The plan and elevation of the gallery show the construction of the separating barriers between the different phases and the series trans-

formers on the gallery floor. All of the concrete work is reinforced. The floor is 7 in. thick on account of the conduits for the secondaries of the instrument transformers which are built into it. The switch-board is made up of two generator panels, two feeder panels, controlling two feeders each, one synchronous converter panel equipped with the controlling apparatus and instruments for the two present converters, and having space for the third machine eventually to be installed. Beside this it carries the starting switches for converter No. 2, in front of which it is located. Following these come the two exciter panels and three panels for the d.c. side of the converter. In front of converter No. 1 a starting panel is set up which is in line with the main board. The space between this panel and the main switch-board is reserved for the five 16-in. d.c. feeder panels ultimately to be transferred from the other side of the building. The main board is held on pipe supports running up to a channel on the gallery, and rests on a wooden strip one inch above the floor. The positive cables are led from the converters along the basement ceiling to the d.c. board. The negative buses are laid in the foundations, in openings 8 in. by 8 in. The generator neutrals are led from the turbines to the resistance in the basement floor in the same set of ducts as the generator cables. The resistance for the neutral is grounded. Manholes and ducts are made water-tight and are provided with sewer connections for drainage since they lie below the level of the extreme high-water mark of the adjacent Gaudemus Channel. These plans were laid out before designing any of the structural work, so that the latter may be fitted to the former.

WATERSIDE STATION NO. 2 OF THE NEW YORK EDISON COMPANY

The New York Edison Company delivers direct-current distribution to motors and lamps mainly to the Borough of Manhattan of New York. A high-tension alternating current is generated in two central stations whose busbars are interconnected, the low tension direct current is distributed from twenty-four sub-stations, while three a.c. sub-stations deliver low-tension alternating current.

Fig. 249 is a diagram of the high-tension connections between the two power houses. The main and auxiliary buses are connected together by two sets of cables each. Note that each of the connections contains two non-automatic H₃ oil switches in series in each of the stations. The reason for making this connection, as well as others

to be described later, specially secure is due to the fact that as the company supplies the most densely populated portion of the city, it is imperative to maintain the service absolutely without interruption under all circumstances. In the figure there are shown the subdivisions of the buses of the two stations. The busbars of the new Waterside station have four sub-divisions which give greater flexibility of the generator-feeder group units.

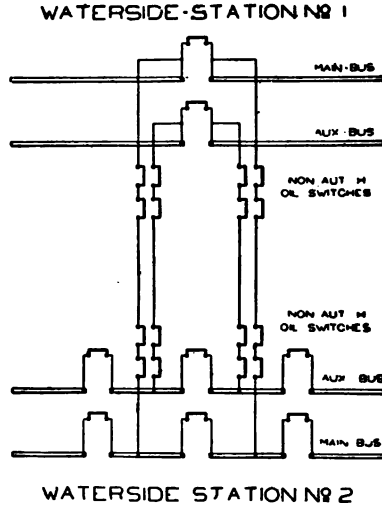


FIG. 249.—Diagram of high-tension connections between Waterside Stations of New York Edison Company.

Since it has become possible to concentrate the output of a number of stations, a great reduction in initial cost and operating and maintenance expenses has resulted. On the other hand, however, this has increased the risk of interruption of the service, since if the one station is disabled the whole system is crippled. To reduce this danger as far as possible the different parts of large stations are divided into groups of units which can be worked together or independently as desired. By sub-divisions in the boiler room, by independent installation of the turbo-generators with their accessories, by separate laying of cables and sub-divisions in busbars, a group composed of the above parts can be run as an independent unit.

This is the method adopted in the Waterside station No. 2. At present the station equipment consists of two Westinghouse-Parsons steam turbines on whose shafts are mounted two generators of 7500 kw., 6600 volts, 25 cycles, and 7500 kw., 7500 volts, 60 cycles respec-

tively. Only one of the generators is run at any one time. Besides this there are six Curtis turbines with generators of 8000 kw., 6600 volts, 25 cycles, two additional Curtis turbines with 14,000-kw., 25- and 60-cycle generators respectively and one 20,000-kw. turbo-generator being installed. Four exciters of 150 kw., 280 volts each, driven by a 220-hp., 6600-volt, three-phase 25-cycle induction motor, and two 500-kw. motor-generator sets supply the excitation. Two storage batteries are used as a reserve for the exciters. Sixty-four high-tension feeders at 25 cycles and eight at 60 cycles are supplied by the station.

Figs. 250, 251 and 252 show the connections of a generator and feeder and a cross section through the galleries. The cross section is taken at the feeders, so that Figs. 251 and 252 will be described first. It was mentioned above that each busbar set is divided into four parts. (This applies to the 25-cycle buses. The 60-cycle buses have an independent sub-division.)

From corresponding divisions of the buses cables are led to two automatic H₃ oil switches. They are connected to the buses by means of disconnecting switches. (Fig. 251.) The buses and disconnecting switches are located in compartments on the first mezzanine. (Fig. 252.) The selector switches mentioned above are on the second mezzanine and are interlocked to prevent closing both of them at the same time. The main feeders which are connected to either set of buses through the selector switches diverge on the fourth mezzanine into two outgoing feeders connected to separate automatic H₃ oil switches and to the two end bells to which the three-conductor cables are joined. On the third mezzanine are the shunt transformers, mounted in compartments with their disconnecting switches. The three-conductor cables are laid in the division and main walls and are led out of the station underground in tile ducts.

Fig. 252, 1st mezzanine. The busbar compartments are separated from each other and from the walls by corridors, the inner one of which is used for operating the disconnecting switches and the other one for inspecting the busbars and insulators, which are accessible through small doors in the back of the compartment. The disconnecting switches are double-break switches, first disconnecting the cables and then the busbars. Tie oil switches are inserted between the divisions of the busbar sets. (See Fig. 249.) These are set up in line with the busbars in separate divisions, so that the whole mezzanine is divided into a series of chambers containing alternately sections of the busbars and the bus-tie oil switches. The chambers

are connected with doors. The tie oil switches are connected to the buses through disconnecting switches as indicated by the bottom switch in the first mezzanine.

On the second mezzanine the selector switches are mounted back to back. The outer corridor is for inspection of the oil switches, and the main feeders are led up in the space between them. The series transformers are also placed on this mezzanine, being built into the feeders as shown.

On the third mezzanine there are set up the shunt transformers with their disconnecting switches. The two outer corridors are moved over toward the middle of the gallery to make room for the end bells and three-conductor cables and the series transformers. The secondaries of the shunt transformers are laid in tiles imbedded in the concrete floor.

The fourth floor is similar to the first, with the addition of a false floor for the outgoing feeders. All control and instrument wires are led up through the wall to a frame support on the sixth mezzanine whence they run to the switchboards.

Figs. 250 and 252. The generator cables are led in through the floor in conduits up to the division wall, whence they pass up the wall to the electrically operated non-automatic oil switches in the fourth floor. From here they are led back to the second floor in the same way as the main feeders, to the non-automatic type H3 selector switches which join them to their respective buses. These switches are interlocked so that only one can be closed at a time. The connections between selector switches and busbars are made through double-break disconnecting switches. The generator shunt transformers are set up in line with those for the feeders, and the series transformers are mounted on the division wall. On the fourth mezzanine there are also located the station-tie oil switches, which tie feeders are led along the division wall to the ducts in the basement floor. There are, therefore, two non-automatic oil switches in series on each high-tension generator. A relay lights a signal lamp to indicate overload or short-circuit on a generator, which may then be disconnected by the operator at his discretion.

The outgoing feeders are connected to the high-tension buses through two automatic oil switches in series. An overload or short-circuit opens these switches automatically by means of an inverse time-limit relay, disconnecting the feeder. All high-tension feeders are also equipped with a selector ground-indicating device, which indicates but does not disconnect a grounded feeder. This device

frequently makes it possible to locate and disconnect a grounded feeder before the trouble develops into a short-circuit. The exciters, the field rheostats with their motors, the d.c. switchboard and the

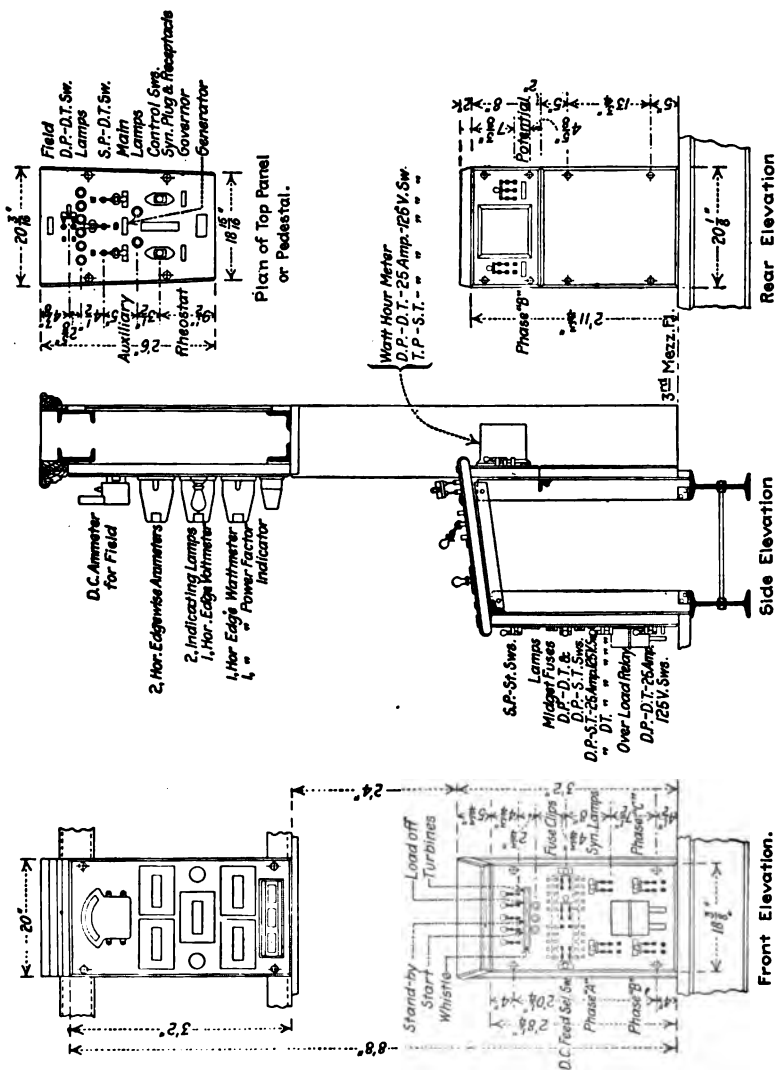


FIG. 254.—Generator control 25-cycle pedestal and instrument panel. (New York Edison Company, Waterside Station No. 2.)

exciter buses are located on the main floor of the high-tension division. The annex is really nothing more than a part of the main power house shut off by a division parallel to the north side of the building.

It is completely separated from the engine room and is a complete fireproof building in itself. The main operating room with the main switchboards is situated on the third mezzanine on the west side of the building, on a balcony facing the engine room. The generator

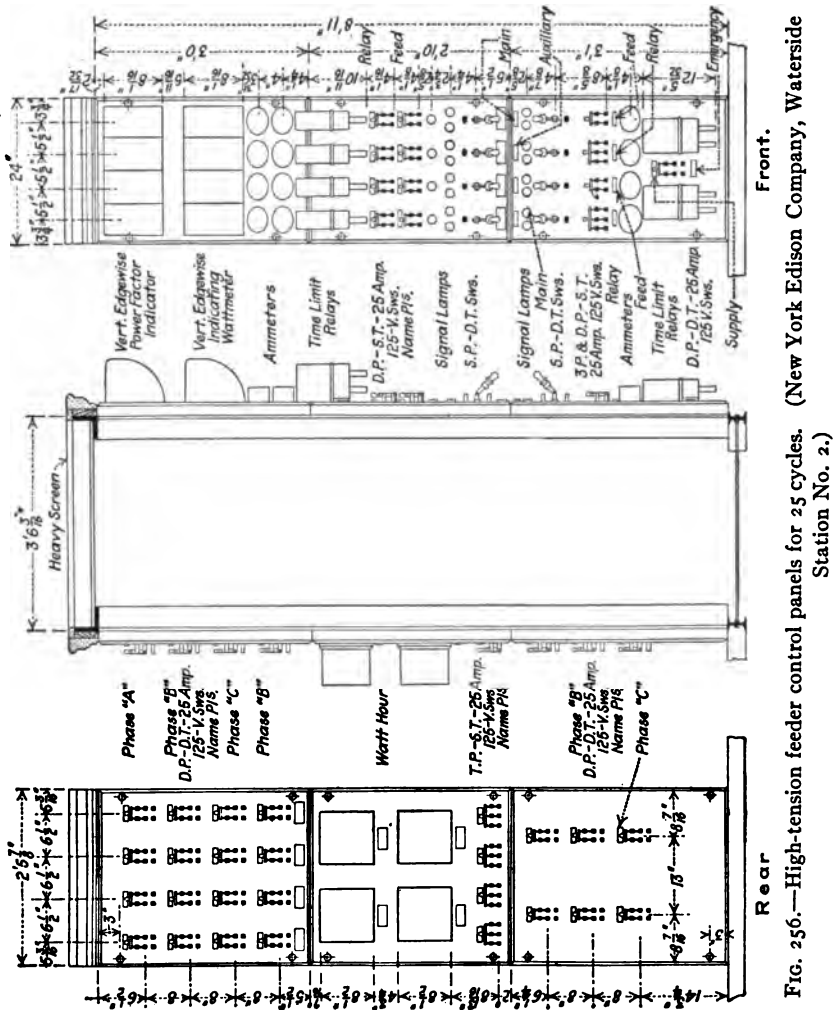


Fig. 256.—High-tension feeder control panels for 25 cycles. (New York Edison Company, Waterside Station No. 2.)

and feeder panels are grouped in two independent switchboards. (See Fig. 253.) On the engine room side facing the inner part of the balcony are set up the control benches and instrument boards for the generator, and station-tie and bus-tie oil switches. The bench board is arc-shaped. (Figs. 254, 255 and 256.) Opposite to this

board there is set up a double semicircular row of panels for the feeder control. This makes a very compact arrangement and the entire large system is very economically and safely controlled from a comparatively small space and with a small number of attendants. The instrument boards over the benches are set up so as not to obstruct the view over the station. Ample light is obtained through the engine-room sky-light and the windows on the west side.

Figs. 250 and 254 show the connections and location of all the control apparatus and instruments for a 25-cycle generator. Every generator has its own bench and instrument board made of blue Vermont marble, the general dimensions of which are given on the drawings.

Station instruments for the synchroscope are placed on a swinging panel in the center of the bench board (see Fig. 255).

Fig. 255 also shows the equipment for the station tie control. Only that part located in Waterside Station No. 2 is shown.

Figs. 251 and 256 show the control apparatus and instruments for a feeder board consisting of two panels placed back to back. Each board controls four outgoing feeders.

The generator and feeder for 60 cycles are similar to those described above for 25 cycles with corresponding changes in the ratings of the instruments.

Besides carrying the equipment for the generator and bus and station ties, the bench boards are provided with signal apparatus for use as a means of transmitting signals between operators on the high- and low-tension switchboards and the engineer stationed at the turbine throttle. Provision is made for three sets of signals. One is for regulating the turbine governor and is transmitted through illuminated signs located on the west wall of the engine room, and is used in conjunction with the signal whistle located on the south division wall. The other signals relate to the starting or stopping of the turbines and are transmitted to the engineer direct through the signal stand located near the turbine throttle. The third signal is a call whistle from the d.c. control board on the first floor electrical gallery.

There may be flashed individually the turbine number and the red or green engine signal of the illuminating sign by means of small knife switches located under the synchronous panel of the turbine board.

This sign consists of a substantial sheet iron box with angle iron framework set flush with the engine-room wall and displaying the

stenciled turbine numbers from 1 to 10 inclusive. Above each numeral is a separate ground glass signal panel to indicate red for "raise" and below a similar signal panel indicating green for "lower," as the case may be. Within the sheet iron box are the lamps and circuits for illuminating the turbine numbers and the colored signals mentioned.

The operator at any one of the generator pedestals is able to blow the signal whistle and flash the turbine number. He is also able to blow the signal whistle from the center pedestal and flash either the red or green signal, together with any of its corresponding turbine numbers.

The wiring diagram and apparatus used for signaling the engineers to start up or shut down the turbines is shown in Figs. 250 and 254.

Each signal box used to impart certain instructions to the engineer at the throttle of the turbine possesses a frequency indicator and a small, ground glass illuminated plates containing the following legends: "Start" "Stand by" "Load off," "Full speed" "O. K." and "Shut Down."

This apparatus enables the operator at the high-tension generator control pedestal to flash the following signals to the engineer standing at the turbine throttle, "Start," "Stand by," "Load off," and to receive in turn signals from the engineer as follows: "Full Speed," "O. K.," "Shut Down."

The boiler signal system consists of an electric carriage call, used for transmitting numbers from the system operator to the foreman in the boiler room. The number flashed indicates to the foreman the number of boilers that will be required within the next fifteen minutes. Working in conjunction with the carriage call is a registering time-clock, so that the signal and the time it was transmitted are automatically recorded. In addition to these systems there is a complete intercommunicating telephone system connecting the high-tension and low-tension switchboards, system operator, foreman, superintendent, sub-stations, etc. A pneumatic tube service is also maintained between the system operator's desk in Waterside Station No. 1. and the high-tension control board in Waterside Station No. 2. In order to insure the greatest possible safety for the workmen the system operator transmits all orders in writing. A telautograph is employed for transmitting messages between the high-tension control-board and the d.c. switchboard, so that a written record is kept of all the orders passed between both switchboards.

Every precaution is taken to render communication between the system operator and the various sub-stations by telephone reliable and instantaneous. The telephone lines to the sub-stations are routed through two telephone exchanges. The lines and switchboards are in duplicate, and the trunks within the station are carried in separate conduits. While the company has therefore depended entirely upon the telephone for transmitting orders between the system operator and the sub-stations it has appreciated that this system would be too slow in case of emergency. The Edison Company has, therefore, installed a signal system similar to a fire alarm to convey simultaneously to all of the sub-stations signals which will reach the operator no matter in what part of the sub-station he may be. A series of ten signal buttons is connected in multiple to private telephone trunk-lines so that by pressing any button its signal is transmitted to all of the stations. Thus, should the system operator anticipate any trouble which would need prompt attention, all sub-stations would be apprised of the condition at once. The distribution of all energy from both Water-side stations is under the exclusive control of a system operator. Feeders and rotary converters are put into or out of service only on his order, and at frequent intervals he receives reports from all sub-stations giving the load on each high-tension feeder and the reserve held in the storage batteries. He keeps before him a complete map of the system, including stations, sub-stations and feeders. By means of suitable markers the system operator can tell at a glance what feeders are connected, their routes and their loads. Any feeder or machine held for repairs is indicated also.

LONG ISLAND CITY POWER STATION

The western lines of the Long Island R. R. (N. Y.) were the first of this system which were electrified. The tunnel under the East River connecting the Long Island lines with the new depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad being at that time in course of erection. The power station and its chain of sub-stations therefore were at first erected and installed to suit the demands of the electrified western road, nevertheless means were provided for increasing the power capacity.

The present power station contains a machine overload capacity of about 72,000 kw. There are installed three steam-turbines of the Westinghouse-Parson type, driving 5500-kw., 11,000-volt alter-

nating current generators, two 8000-kw. steam turbine units, two 3000-kw. also 11,000-volt, and one 1000-kw. and 240-volt units.

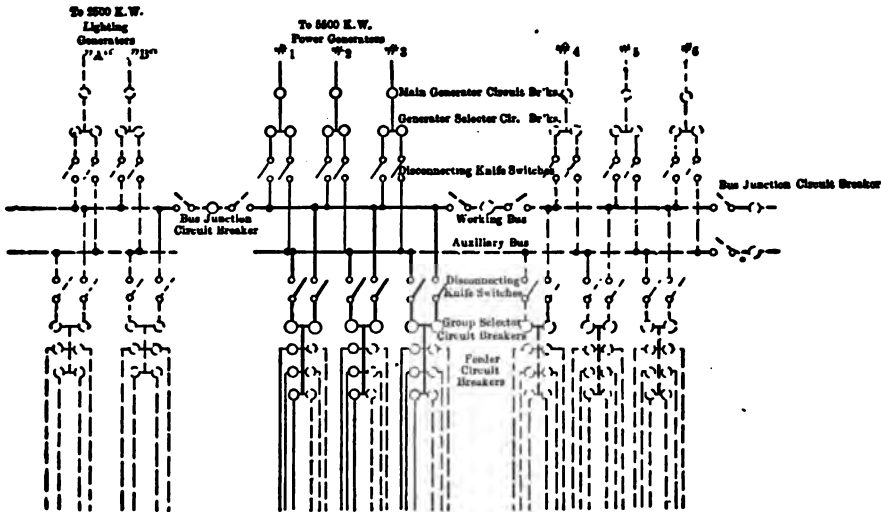


FIG. 257.—Diagram of high-tension wiring, Long Island City Power Station.



FIG. 258.—Feeder gallery showing oil switches for feeders and generators.

The armature windings are star-connected and the neutrals of all the machines are grounded through a common resistance.

Fig. 257 shows the wiring diagram of the high-tension cables, indicated in simple lines. The full lines and a part of the dotted

lines represent the present installation, and the rest of dotted ones the future lay-out. The high-tension cables are run through ducts

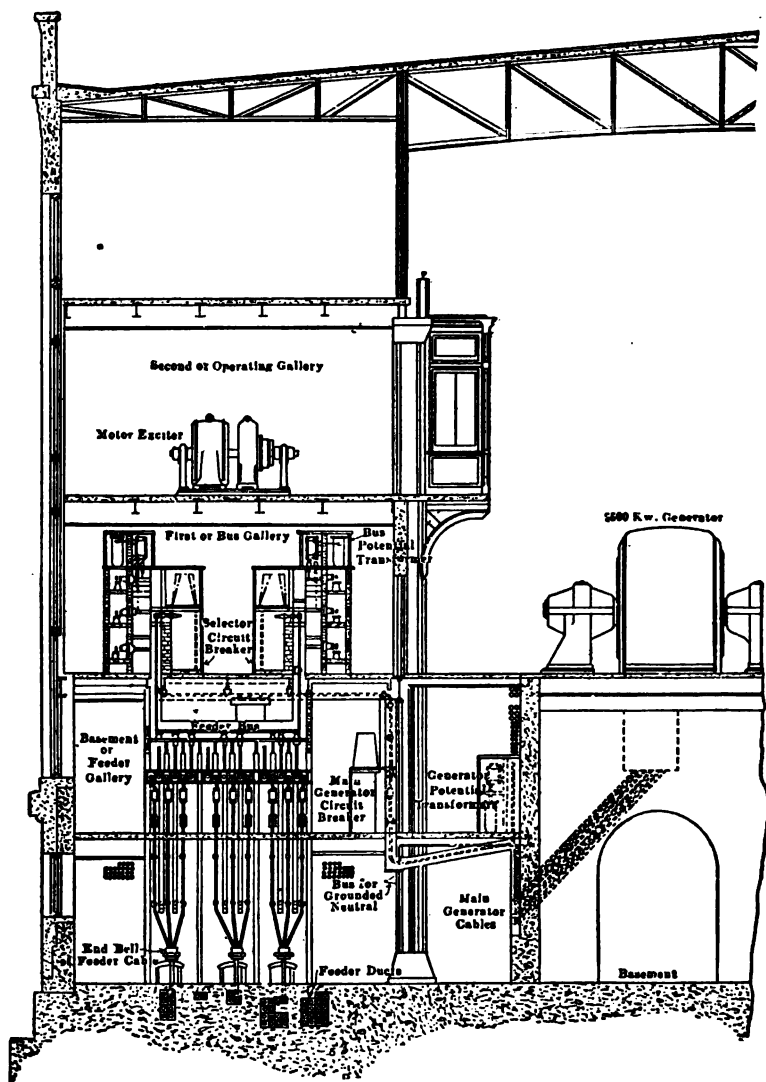


FIG. 259.—Cross section of electric galleries, Long Island City Power Station.

in the foundation up to the division wall between the engine room and the switching galleries. (See Fig. 259.) They are then run

up this wall to a main oil switch set up on the basement or feeder gallery. The backs of the oil switch cells are extended up to the ceiling and are provided with barriers between the phases. Fig. 258 shows the three main oil switches with their extensions in the background on the right hand side. The shunt transformers for the generators are set up in special compartments near the division wall on the same floor. From the main oil switches the cables run along the basement ceiling to the selector switches installed on the first or bus gallery.

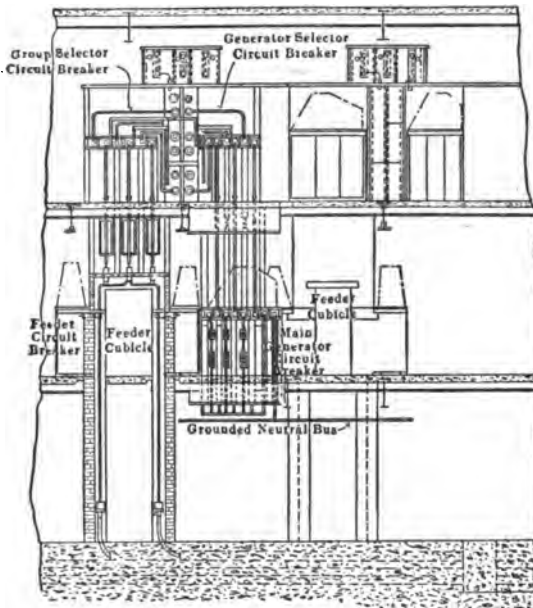


FIG. 260.—Longitudinal section between buses.

Fig. 262 shows a plan of the engine room with the first installed three steam turbines and bus gallery, showing two rows of cells. Each row, according the first installation, did consist of three groups of two oil switch cells each. The smaller are the selector switches for the generator. Two opposite oil switches belong to the same machine.

A compartment containing two sets of disconnecting switches is inserted in each group of oil switches. The cables lead from the selector switches in compartments on the back of the cells to one set of the disconnecting switches. (See Fig. 260, longitudinal section

between buses, and Fig. 261.) They then run across the space between the oil switch structure and the busbar compartment to the corresponding busbars.

The generators are designed to run in parallel on either of two sets of main busbars, called the working and auxiliary buses, only one set of which is generally in use. The three busbars of the working bus are disposed in the three-story bus structure of brick and alberene stone along the north side of the gallery, the auxiliary bus being disposed in a similar structure along the south side directly opposite the main bus, and toward the division wall.

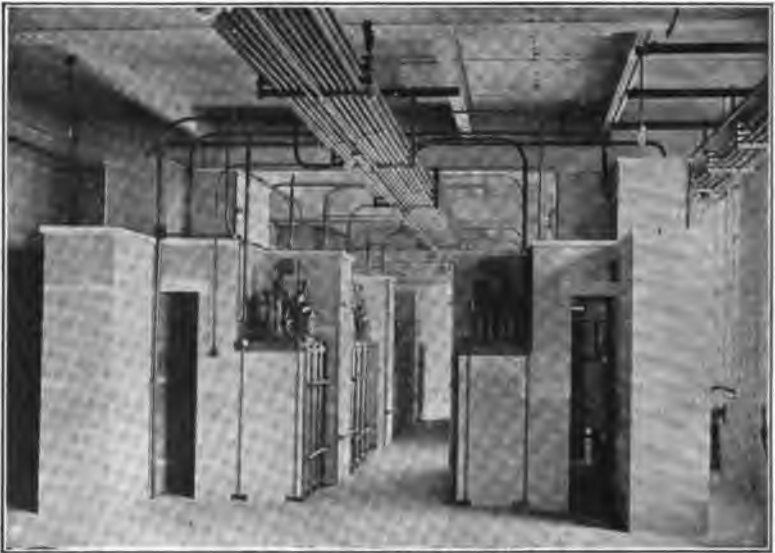


FIG. 261.—Bus structure and selector switches.

As shown in Fig. 257, there are installed three main oil switches in the basement and six selector switches on the bus gallery.

Three groups of six feeders each are supplied from the busbars, each of the groups being connected to the two sets of buses through two group switches. The larger oil switches shown in Fig. 261 are the group switches, of which there are two for each feeder group. As noted above each disconnecting switch compartment contains two sets of switches. One connects the generator selector switches to the busbars, and the other joins the buses to the feeder group switches. The cables are led to the back of the group switches in

similar compartments or barrier chambers. (See Fig. 260.) Corresponding pairs of group switches are connected under the floor by busbar sets. The latter are contained in brick compartments divided into elongated chambers by a number of cross barriers. These compartments are supported on the basement ceiling, and run across the switching room. The six feeder switches for each feeder

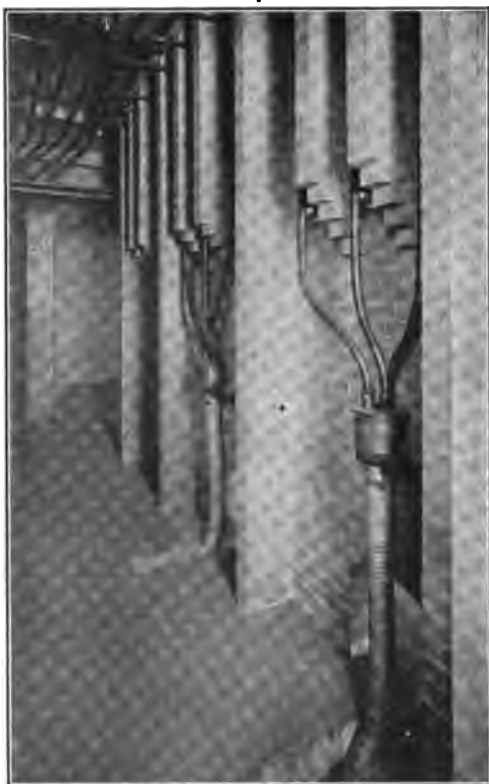


FIG. 263.—High-tension feeder cables in basement entering conduits.

group are set up in two rows on either side of the auxiliary busbar compartments, three on each side, and running across the room parallel to the buses. From the small busbar sets cables are run down to the feeder switches. They then lead down the backs of these and down the wall which extends to the foundations, until they finally reach the end bells of the three-conductor cables. The feeders are led out of the building underground in tile ducts. Fig. 263 shows the connections of the three-conductor cables to the phases.

The brick barriers between the phases extend to a level with the tops of the cells, above which they are replaced by asbestos barriers. As each group of feeder switches is set up directly below the corresponding set of group switches, and since the generator main switches are on the same vertical plane with their selector switches, the generator main switches are placed on the front side of the corridor between the groups of feeder switches. All oil switches thus become easily accessible. The switches employed are all type C Westinghouse electrically operated three-pole switches with the exception of the main generator switch which is four-pole. The fourth pole is for the neutral connection of the machine. All oil switches are built for 600 amp. except the feeder group switches which are for 1200 amp. The pole pairs are enclosed in separate brick chambers with doors on the front side, and closed in on the back by a wall, into which are built the bushings for the incoming and outgoing cables. All cables and connections, including those of the same phase, are separated from each other by brick, soapstone or asbestos barriers. Over the busbar compartments on the engine-room floor there are set up the cells for the necessary shunt transformers and fuses. The busbars are composed of 3 in. by 0.25 in. copper bars supported in separate compartments on heavy insulators. There are a number of openings in the backs of the compartments so that the bus insulators and connections may be inspected. The compartments for the small auxiliary buses in the basement are similarly built with the openings toward the outer wall. The main connections between buses and oil switches are made of strong copper bars mounted on porcelain insulators and enclosed in brick or asbestos compartments.

The four main cables of each machine are 600,000 cir. mils. cross section with $\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{2}$ in. varnished cambric insulation, and those between the group switches and small buses are 1,318,000 cir. mils. sectional area. The feeder switches are connected with the three-conductor cables with 250,000-cir. mil. cables, and those between the feeder switches and the transformers which supply the induction motor of the motor exciter set are 73,000 cir. mils. The neutral busbar which connects the neutrals of all the machines to the resistance is a 600,000-cir. mil. cable. All of these cables are covered with $\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{2}$ in. varnished cambric insulation with double protective braiding. None of the station cables of either high or low-tension are lead covered. The three-conductor cables leading to the high-tension transmission line consist of three 250,000-cir. mil. conductors with $\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{2}$ in. paper insulation. A further $\frac{1}{8}\frac{1}{2}$ in. insulation encloses all

three cables and the whole is covered with jute and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. of lead. These cables leave the building in ducts laid in the foundations. All of the high-tension three-conductor cables are connected to brass end bells 7.75 in. in diameter and about 5 in. deep, soldered to the lead covering and filled with an insulating compound.

Excitation for the generators in the first installation was obtained from three different sources. These are: A set of two exciters each driven by its own steam turbine, a motor-generator set and a storage battery. The two Westinghouse-Parsons turbines for the exciters are direct connected to two 200-kw. d.c. generators which deliver 910 amp. at 220 volts. The motor-generator set consists of an induction motor of 290 hp. driven by three-phase alternating current from the low-tension side of the transformer bank at 440 volts. This bank is composed of three 175-kw. oil-cooled transformers, delta connected on the high and low-tension sides. Their high-tension side is connected to the high-tension buses by a feeder of the feeder group. The exciter transformers are set up on the east side of the switching house basement.

The generator of the motor-generator set is of the same rating as the turbine-driven machines, and is mounted on the shaft of the induction motor. The turbo-excitors are set up in the engine room and the motor-generator set on the operating gallery. The storage battery is a very reliable reserve for the machine excitation and for the oil-switch solenoids. It did consist of 110 cells each containing 7 type R" chloride accumulator plates as delivered by the Electric Storage Battery Company. There is sufficient space in each cell for 11 plates. The discharge rate of the battery is 366 amp. per hour at a normal pressure of from 180 to 220 volts. It is charged by a 15-hp. induction motor driving a 12.5-kw. booster. This machinery is also set up in the operating gallery, and the battery is placed in a separate chamber in the engine-room basement.

Fig. 264 shows the wiring of the exciter and battery. There are two sets of busbars on the d.c. side, installed under the operating room together with the equalizer buses. The battery or either one of the exciters can be connected through double-throw switches to the main or auxiliary buses. The generator field-windings are connected to the main buses by double-pole switches, and the busbar sets can be connected together with lever switches, so that a generator field may also be excited indirectly from the auxiliary buses.

The entire switching system is controlled from the operating stand at the east end of the second gallery. The present position

of the operating room corresponds to what will be the middle of the station when the contemplated addition on the east side is built. (See Fig. 262.)

The gallery is about 13 feet over the main engine room and has a small overhanging observation balcony which gives a comprehensive view over the entire station.

The switchboard arrangement consists of (a) generator control bench; (b) greater instrument board directly in front of the bench;

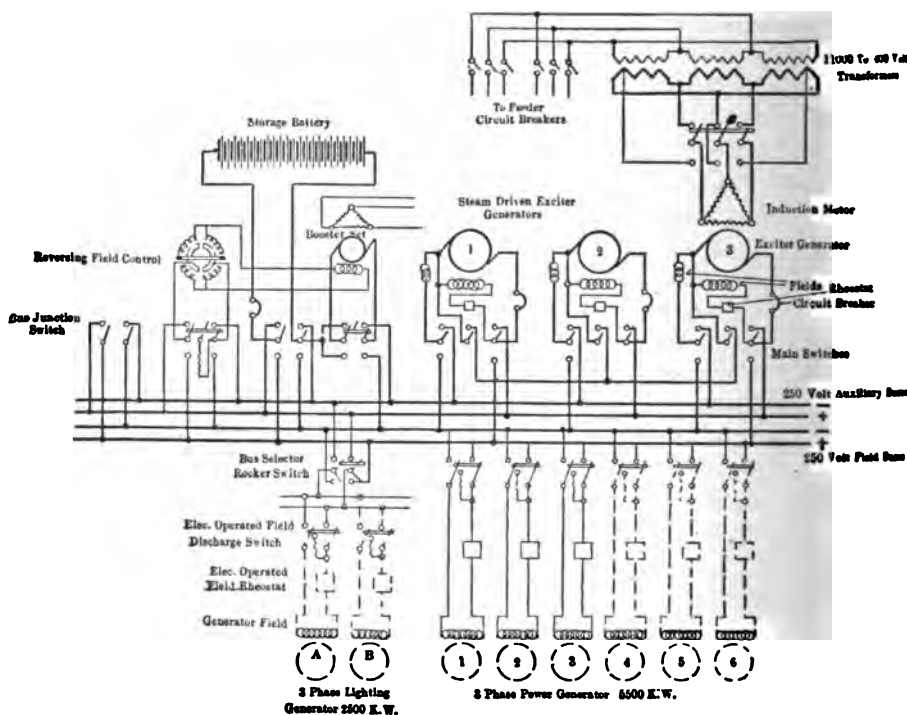


FIG. 264.—Diagram of low-tension wiring.

(c) feeder control board; (d) exciter switchboard; (e) auxiliary switchboard for station lighting and other purposes. All of the panels are of marble and the panels and instruments have a dull black finish. On the top of the generator bench are mounted all the necessary control switches and signal lamps for the generator oil switches, and also the control devices for the sectionalizing switches. Directly opposite the generator control panel is the corresponding instrument board to which the secondaries of the series and shunt

transformers are connected. These leads are enclosed in fiber conduits. On the left side of the instrument panel is a board carrying

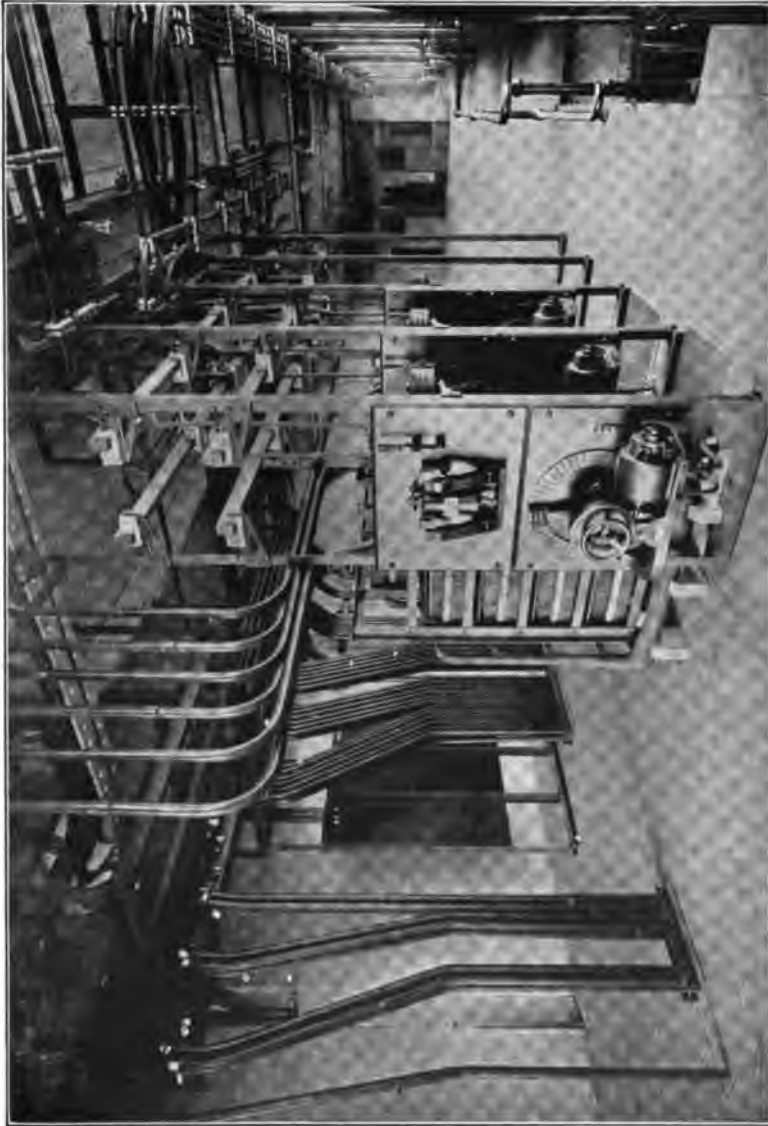


FIG. 265.—General view of gallery showing exciter buses, generator, rheostat and auxiliary wiring.

three a.c. voltmeters, giving the e.m.f. in each leg of the busbars, and also a frequency indicator and two synchronizing lamps, one

for each bus. To the right of the instrument boards there is a panel with one differential a.c. voltmeter, two synchrosopes, two syn-

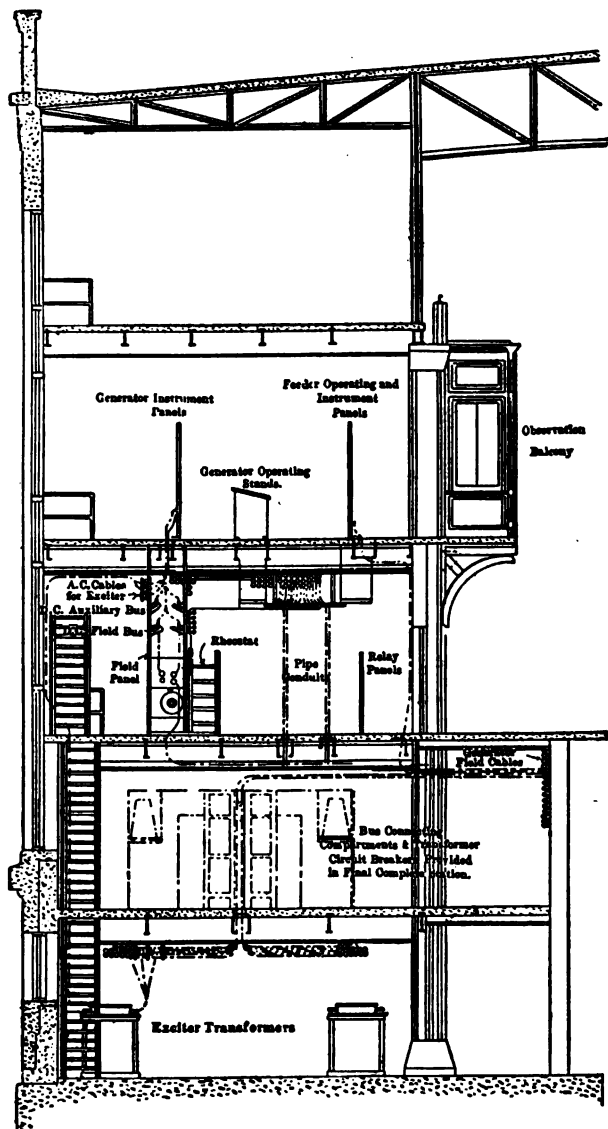


FIG. 266.—Cross section through east end of switchboard gallery.

chronizing lamps and one a.c. ammeter indicating the current in the grounded neutral bus from the generators.

Fig. 265 shows how the rheostats, motors and electrically operated field switches are set up. Operation is from the bench. This equipment is installed directly under the operating room. (See Fig. 266.) The two last mentioned illustrations also show the mounting of the d.c. exciter busbars. The feeder board did consist of three panels, each one of which controlled two group switches and six feeder switches. The relays for the automatic oil switch control are on a separate panel on the first gallery near the field rheostats. An auxiliary panel which is set up in line with the feeder board controls the supply for the d.c. motors, for the station lighting and for the electrically operated oil switches. The exciter board also carries the necessary lever switches for the positive, negative, and equalizer buses for the circuit breakers and instruments. A number of empty panels for future use were set up between the instrument and exciter boards. The disposition of the fiber ducts containing the control and instrument wires and of the generator field rheostats is shown in Figs. 261 and 262.

A complete signaling system is provided for communication between operating and engine rooms. It consists of a set of letter signals set up in the engine room which are illuminated by pressing push buttons in the operating room after the engineer's attention has been attracted by means of a signal whistle. A set of return signals is set up in the operating gallery, and is actuated from the engine room, the operator's attention being attracted by a gong. Ready intercommunication is thus possible. A large synchroscope is placed over the signals in the engine room. Opposite each turbine there is an opal globe inside of which is a red, a white and a green lamp, and on a bracket outside of the globe a plain incandescent lamp. The lamps in the globe are used to denote the position of the weight upon the governor control of the turbine. The red lamp signals speeding, the white lamp dead center and the green lamp slowing. These signals are pilot indications of the position of the governor control weight, which is controlled from the operating room.

The other apparatus is used as follows: (The letters O.K., IN, OUT, S.B., and the numbers are illuminated on the board in engine room and in the operating room as stated above.)

1. To Cut in a Generator

Operator	Engineer
(The number of the generator)	(If O.K.) from the corresponding
IN-whistle.	generator. IN-gong.

When the turbine is ready for load the engineer sounds the gong again. The operator connects the synchroscope and synchronizing lamp and when switched in parallel disconnects the synchroscope and synchronizing lamp, signaling O.K.

2. To Cut out a Generator

Operator	Engineer
(The number of the generator) OUT-whistle.	(If O.K.) from the corresponding generator. OUT-gong.

Operator connects the synchroscope and synchronizing lamp.

When the generator is cut out the synchroscope commences to revolve and the synchronizing lamp to pulsate.

Operator signals O.K.-whistle and disconnects the synchroscope and lamp.

Engineer signals O.K.-gong.

All signals disconnected.

3. To Cut in a Turbine

Engineer	Operator
From the turbine, IN-gong. Operation then continues as in first case.	From corresponding generator, IN (if O.K.)

4. To Cut out a Turbine

Engineer	Operator
From the turbine, OUT-gong. The operation then continues as in second case.	From the corresponding gener- ator OUT (if O.K.)

5. To Change Over

First and second or third and fourth to be followed in sequence, depending upon whether the change is made from the operating room or from the turbine room. In case of trouble of such a nature as to require one unit to be cut out before the other is cut in, the operator or the engineer will show both signals as (number of generator)—OUT (number of generator)—IN and the whistle gives a long blast or the gong is sounded several times rapidly to call attention to the illuminated signs.

6. To Cut in an Exciter

Operator	Engineer
(Number of the exciter) IN- whistle.	Brings the exciter up to speed, when ready signals O.K.- gong; from No. 1 turbine.

Operator cuts in and signals
O.K.

All signals disconnected.

7. To Cut out an Exciter

Operator	Engineer
(Number of the exciter) OUT-whistle.	O.K.-gong; from No. 1 turbine.

When exciter is cut out operator signals O.K.

All signals disconnected.

8. Stand-By Signals for Engineers

Operator	Engineer
S.B.—(Number of generator) whistle.	S.B.-gong.
	Engineer signals O.K.-gong.

When over

Operator signals O.K.-whistle.

All signals disconnected.

9. Stand-By Signals for Operators

Engineer	Operator
From turbine, S.B.-gong.	Number of generator, S.B.-whistle.
When over	
Engineer signals O.K.-gong.	Operator signals O.K.-whistle.
All signals disconnected.	

10. When whistle is given one long blast, or gong is sounded several times rapidly it is to convey the meaning that the operation, whether a single or a double one, is to be performed as quickly as possible.

In starting a turbine the fields are built up gradually to give full voltage after the machine has attained its full speed. The generators are then synchronized and the main generator switch is thrown in. This switch is so wired that it cannot be closed until the synchronizing plug has been inserted into its socket in the operating board. In cutting out a machine, the load is taken off the generator by reducing the field excitation and then the main switch is opened. Afterward the field circuits are cut out. With the field circuits out, a turbine will continue to revolve about 45 minutes before coming to a standstill, but it will stop in about 10 minutes with the fields excited.

The switchboard operator gets his orders to cut current off or throw current on the high-tension lines from the sub-station at Woodhaven Junction. (See Chapter XXVIII.) He does not, however, change the switches until he is assured that the person giving the order has authority to do so.

60,000-VOLT STATION

Figs. 267, 268 and 269 (by courtesy of Mr. Stephen G. Hayes) are the designs for a hydraulic power station to be located on a hillside. The generators are each rated at 7500 kw. and 6600 volts, which is stepped up for transmission purposes to 60,000 volts through twelve 5000-kw. transformers. The entire switching plant is in a separate

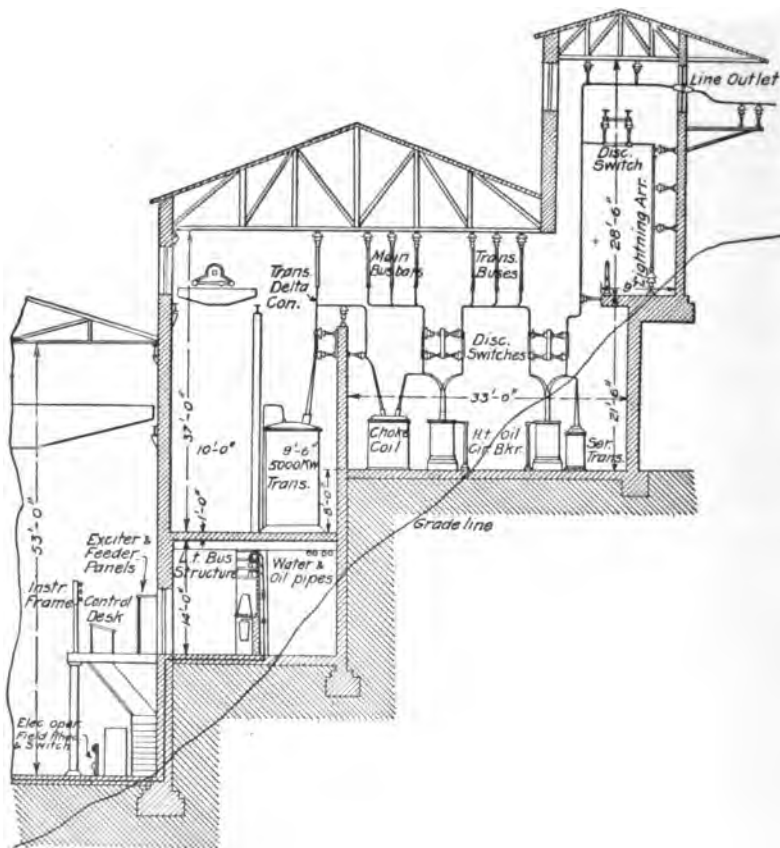


FIG. 267.—60,000-volt station; section through switching house.

building. In the engine-room there are only the operating switchboards mounted on a gallery and the field rheostats for the generators. The generator cables lead through the foundations and walls to the oil switches on the lower floor of the switching house, whence they lead to the 6600-volt busbars which are installed in the same

FIG. 268.—Sections taken in lines A, B, C, D, E, F, G, of Fig. 269.

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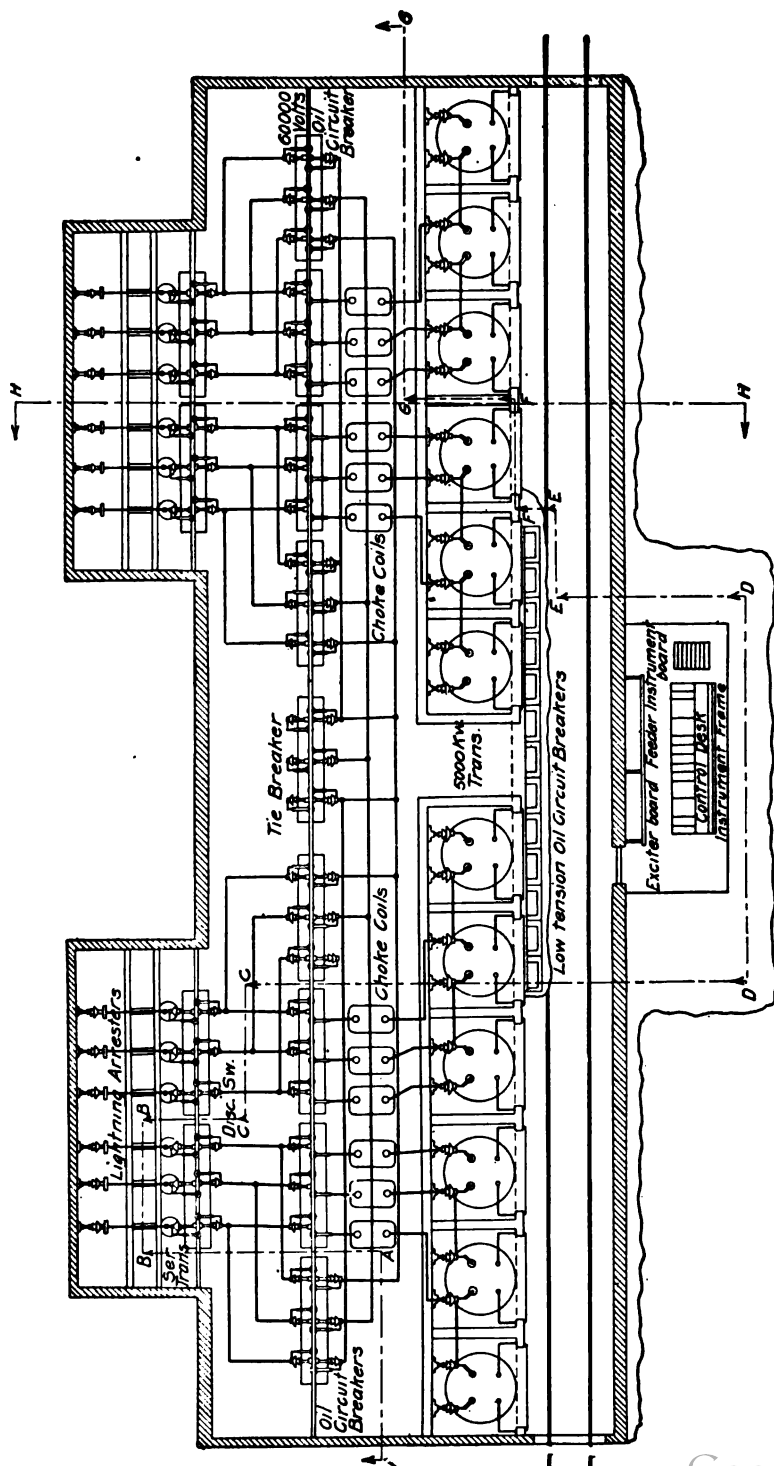


FIG. 269.—60,000-volt station; plan view of switching arrangement.

connected on the high- and low-tension sides, the connection on the low-tension side being fed from the 6600-volt buses. A pair of disconnecting switches is inserted on the high-tension side of each transformer so that the apparatus can readily be disconnected, and the high-tension deltas are joined to reactance coils contained in separate oil vessels. From the coils the cables lead through oil switches and disconnecting switches to a set of transformer busbars. There is a set of buses for each bank, which can be connected through oil switches and disconnecting switches to the main buses or to the outgoing feeders through a similar set of switches. The lightning arresters, line-disconnecting switches and wall bushings for the line outlets are contained in two tower-like structures on the uphill side of the building. The high-tension oil switches are type G Westinghouse solenoid operated, and are set up in two rows. (See Fig. 269.) The end switches of the first row as well as the fourth switch from each end are for connecting the transformer buses to the main buses, and the second and third from each end connect the reactance coils to the transformer buses. The central switch is the bus sectionalizer. The first row therefore consists of nine oil switches each built up of three single-pole vessels. In the second row there are four oil switches, two in each tower, which connect the transmission lines to the transformer or main buses. Back of this row the instrument series transformers are set up. A traveling crane is provided to carry the large and heavy transformers up to the compartments.

On the gallery in the engine room the required switchboard is mounted. It consists of a generator control bench with vertical instrument board back of the bench and mounted on supports which also form the gallery railing. It also includes the feeder and exciter boards located near the back wall. The motor-operated field rheostats and the electrically operated field switches are under the gallery. (See Fig. 268.)

100,000-VOLT STATION

Figs. 270 and 271 (by courtesy of Mr. Stephen G. Hayes), are the cross section and plan for a hydraulic plant to have an ultimate rating of 50,000 kw. The leads of the 5000-kw., 6600-volt generators are joined to two busbar sets through selector and disconnecting switches. The former are type C Westinghouse, enclosed in cells in the same room with the bus compartments on the lower level of the switch house. The power house and adjacent switch

house are built on a hillside similar to the 60,000-volt station described above. The twelve 400-kw., 6600- to 66,000-volt transformers are set up in insulated cells, and have a disconnecting switch on each side. At present the high-tension side is delta connected, and supplies 66,000 volts to the transmission lines. This will later

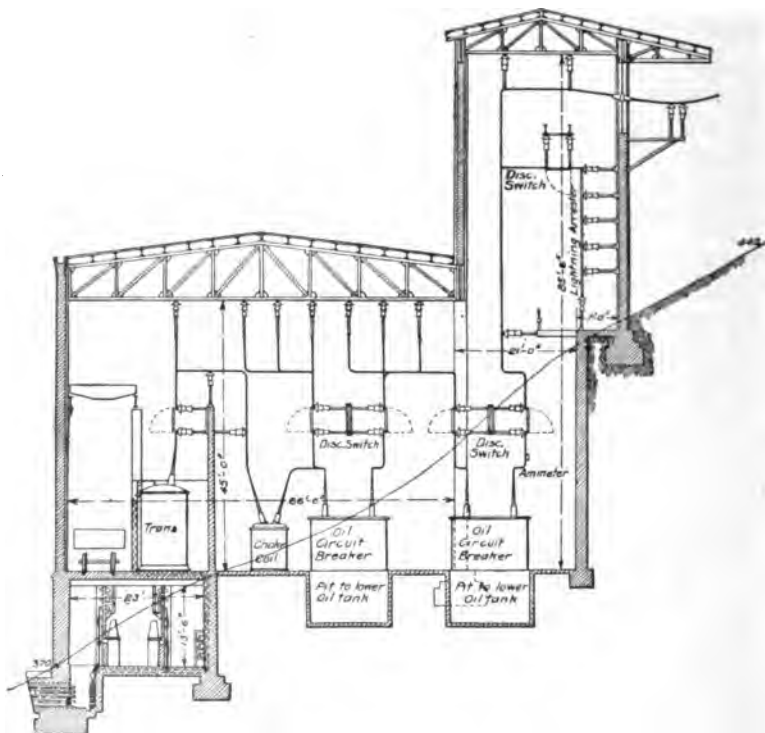


FIG. 270.—100,000-volt station; cross section through switch house.

be changed to a star connection to deliver 100,000 volts. The high-tension deltas are connected to reactance coils, and the transformers feed the main buses or the transmission line, with switching connections similar to those given for the previously described station. The high-tension oil switches are type L Westinghouse, and are arranged in two rows. Three single-pole vessels go to make up one unit.

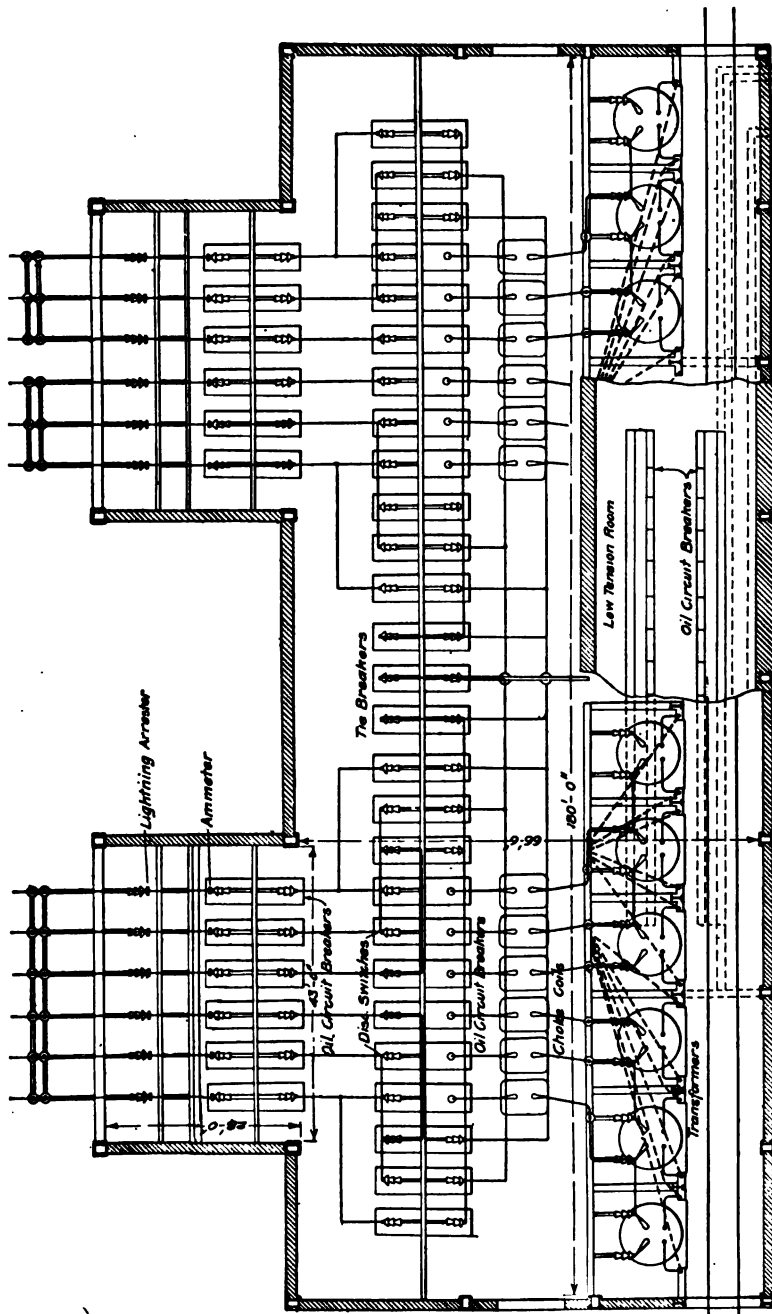


FIG. 271.—100,000-volt station; plan view.

CHAPTER XXVI

SUB-STATIONS

MODERN systems have come to assume such large proportions that it has become necessary to find some method of feeding other than those heretofore employed. Formerly the feeding capacity was increased by raising the d.c. voltage, by using boosters, or storage batteries with or without boosters, or by increasing the number of units in the independent generating stations. The method now almost universally adopted for large systems is to generate a high-tension alternating current in a central station and distribute it to the net through a number of sub-stations. (See Chapter XXIV.) The determination of how this method should be applied depends (1) upon the manner in which the system has expanded; (2) upon the kind of service, and (3) upon the reliability of the machines and apparatus:

1. The first point divides itself into three cases. (a) In the first case the system for which the generator station was originally designed has expanded to such an extent that isolated auxiliary plants become necessary to assist in supplying the excess demand in the various stations. This problem may be solved by dividing the systems into sections and supplying each section from its own independent station. This case arises most frequently in lighting or street railway systems in large cities. (b) A large system may also be formed by combining a number of independent, widely separated smaller systems, each having its own station. Suburban and interurban electric railways combined with street railways will be included under this head. (c) Electrifying railroads or designing large hydraulic plants for electrical transmission purposes, necessarily involves large service systems from the very start.

Lately the development of gas-engine and steam-turbine design has made such progress that it is safe to predict that in the future central stations of enormous power will be built near the sources of coal supply to feed systems of wide radius.

2. The kind of consumption of electrical energy materially af-

fects the ways and means for distribution and supply. Under this head there will be included: Street and interurban railways, or trunk lines, arc or incandescent lighting systems, and power distribution for motors, electrometallurgical or electrochemical purposes. (See Chapter XXIV.)

3. The method to be used for power distribution will depend upon the cost and reliability of machines for converting the energy from the central station into energy suitable for the desired purposes. It will also depend upon the adaptability of the consuming apparatus to the varying conditions to which it is subjected in service.

A study of the three above-mentioned considerations will lead to a determination of which course to pursue in order to obtain the best results with regard to cost, reliability and adaptability.

Three systems are then available: (1) Alternating-current central station with sub-stations in which the high tension is stepped down and is converted by means of converters. (2) Alternating-current central stations with substations in which the converting to direct current is done by means of motor-generator sets. Transformer banks may be employed to step down the high tension when necessary. (3) Low-tension alternating-current feeder service. This requires either sub-station with transformer banks, or transformer banks alone located at the points of consumption. In some cases it becomes necessary to make use of motor-generator sets to change the voltage, frequency and phase of the high-tension supply.

Sub-stations, like independent d.c. stations, supply districts in which they are located and in order to save copper they must be located at the load centers of these districts. Since they perform the same service as the former d.c. stations which they replace, and which are located at the load centers, it follows that the new sub-stations may be located in the old buildings or on adjacent property. The equipment of the old stations is often used as a reserve or for peak loads. The number and size of the sub-stations will naturally increase with the growth of the system and with the intensity of the load. The cost of real estate, buildings, machines, operation and attendance will increase with the number of stations. It must therefore be considered whether it would be cheaper to use a large number of stations near together or a smaller number farther apart, but having a correspondingly increased power rating. Moreover, it must be remembered in this connection that sub-stations with large units necessarily involve greater cost for reserve machines

and for feeder systems. High-service voltage allows greater distance between sub-stations as noted in previous chapters. In direct-current service the line drop may be compensated and the efficiency of the machines may be increased by using storage batteries with boosters. (See Chapter V.)

SYNCHRONOUS CONVERTER SUB-STATIONS

Since synchronous converters first came into practical use in 1897 their development to the present day has tended to simplify a great many problems arising in large installations.

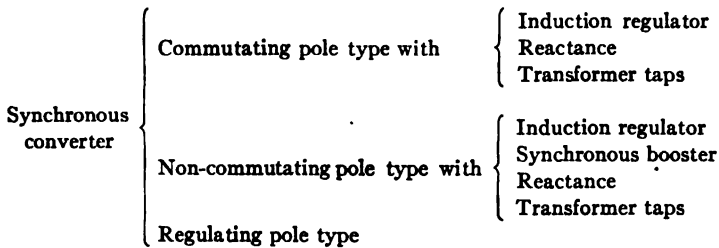
The voltage ratio between the a.c. and d.c. sides of a rotary converter is practically constant and cannot be materially altered by varying the field strength. With sine-wave current the conversion ratios hereinafter given are closely approximated. The d.c. potential being taken as unity, the potential at the collector rings will be:

For single and two-phase machines 0.71, for three-phase 0.61, for six-phase 0.71 or 0.61, depending upon whether a diametrical or double-delta connection is used for the transformers. For example a two-phase rotary receiving alternating current at approximately 426 volts will deliver direct current at 600 volts, while a three-phase rotary receiving alternating current at 366 volts will also deliver direct current at 600 volts.

The 150-, 200- and 300-kw. 25-cycle converters and the 100- and 200-kw. 60-cycle converters are wound for three-phase operation, all the larger machines being usually wound for six phase.

The direct-current voltage of a converter can be changed only by a change in the impressed alternating-current voltage, or by a change in the shape of the magnetic field set up by the field-winding of the converter. For the first method, until recently, resistance coils and variable field excitation were in use; taps from the lowering transformers or from separate regulating transformers and induction regulators, the last mostly in connection with shunt-wound converters were applied. More recently the method using a synchronous alternating-current booster mounted on the same shaft as the converter armature, and connected electrically in series with it, has been introduced. Another method of direct voltage variation based on the second of the two principles mentioned above, i.e., by a change in the shape of the magnetic field, has also been introduced recently. This is the "split-pole" or "regulating pole" converter, of which each pole is split up into two or more sections and the field form varied by varying the excitation of the different sections.

The generating and regulating apparatus used in a synchronous-converter sub-station, therefore, is divided as below.



The use of resistance either in the lowering transformers or in special coils in connection with series windings on the field poles of the converter, is based on the principle that an increase in excitation causes the phase relation of the current to be leading with respect to the line voltage, and leading current through resistance gives a rise in the resultant voltage. This voltage variation is automatic and therefore suits best for railway work in which the load fluctuation is large and rapid. On the other hand, the variation is obtained at the expense of a varying power-factor.

As to the use of taps from transformers with dial switches and the application of induction-regulators for d.c. voltage regulation of synchronous converters see Chapter XVII.

The use of a synchronous booster involves the addition of an alternating-current generator of special characteristics to a standard rotary converter; the generator has the same number of poles as the converter, and the two revolving parts are carried by the same shaft. The booster, therefore, generates a voltage of the same frequency and phase as the induced voltage of the converter, and by properly proportioning its parts, the wave shape of the booster may also be made the same as the wave shape of the converter voltage. The booster armature is connected in series with the converter armature so that the voltage delivered to the converter armature is the sum of the line voltage and the booster voltage. The delivered voltage is varied by varying the field current of the booster—in one direction to raise, and in the other direction to lower, the converter voltage. The booster is usually placed between the collector rings and the main armature of the converter, and the taps from the collector rings are connected to equidistant points of the booster armature; similar points on the booster armature are connected to the synchronous converter armature, thus placing

the two in series. Separate and distinct windings are used for each phase.

In the split-pole converters the variation of the d.c. voltage is secured by varying the distribution of the flux under each pole, i.e., by varying the field form. For that purpose each pole, instead of being in one piece with one field coil, is made in two or three sections with two or three separate exciting coils.

It is a known fact that the voltage generated in any d.c. machine is proportional to the average value of the flux, or the average ordinate of the field form, between adjacent brushes. A variation of the field form which increases and diminishes the average ordinate will increase and diminish the generated voltage. This is done by means of the regulating poles with their separate exciting coils. On account of the presence of a.c. line voltage, the variation in field form must be accomplished without varying, to a corresponding degree, the wave form of the alternating-current voltage generated in the converter armature. The split-pole converter, therefore, consists of two essential elements; first, a means of varying the field form, and second, a means of eliminating the variation in alternating-current wave form resulting from the variation in the field form. Only that part of the change in field form which does not produce a change in the alternating-current wave form is effective in changing the direct-current voltage, and any change in field form which does change the wave form is neutralized by the consequent change in the alternating current.

The transformer has been the principal factor in the development of alternating current distribution and long-distance transmission of electrical energy. Such energy cannot be transmitted economically for long distances at low voltages, and the transformer is the only means by which sufficiently high voltages can be obtained. With the rapidly increasing demand for electrical energy, the vast water-power resources of the country are becoming more and more valuable as the center of power generation for a large territory. As the distance between generation and consumption of energy increases economical considerations require that the voltages also increase.

In most long-distance power transmission systems the amount of energy transmitted is large, and in central station design the modern tendency is toward larger and larger capacities, so that in most cases a small number of transformer units of large capacity can be used.

On the other hand, the different classes of consumer's service require different smaller units to suit special cases. Here we will consider the use of transformers in converter sub-stations.

Step-down transformers used with converters consist either of a bank of three single-phase transformers or one three-phase transformer.

The advantages of polyphase transformers over the single-phase type used in a group are as follows:

1. The initial cost is less as the expense for material, labor and connections is less for one polyphase than for three single-phase devices.
2. The efficiency is greater as the loss due to the smaller amount of material is less.
3. It takes up less space and is lighter than the three single-phase transformers.
4. The cost of delta and star connections on high- and low-tension sides is much less, since they call for less material and work. All connections are made inside of the transformer case, thus rendering them safer and simpler.
5. Transportation and installation costs are less.

The disadvantages are as follows:

1. Large cost for reserve units. Although the cost of a three-phase transformer is larger than that of a single-phase, the rating of the former is three times that of the latter. Where a large number of transformers is used, the relative cost of reserve is small. In some places in Europe it is customary to hold in reserve only the coils of the core type instead of the entire transformer, as these coils are easily replaceable. For the shell type the entire units must be used as reserves.

2. The system is seriously interrupted in case one of the polyphase transformers is disabled. This is the most serious disadvantage because in services with overhead lines which are exposed to atmospheric disturbances, a greater length of time is required to replace or repair a polyphase than for a single-phase transformer. If three single phase transformers are delta connected on the high- and low-tension sides it is still possible to use two of them at two-thirds load without overheating in case the third is disabled. With the core type of polyphase transformer, the service is entirely crippled under these conditions, and with the shell type with delta connection, service may be maintained for only a short time until the trouble can be remedied. If the three single-phase are Y connected on

one of the sides it is no longer possible to maintain the service when one is disabled. In exceptional cases, however, when the Y connection is grounded and the system has a grounded return, partial service may be kept up.

3. Cost for repairs is larger.

With a bank of three single-phase transformers, any disturbance is confined to the phase in which it occurs, while with the poly-phase arrangement, such disturbance easily spreads to the adjacent phases and involves larger repairs.

4. If self-cooled transformers are used, the power of the poly-phase type is limited to 1500 kw., while with banks of single-phase almost twice this power may be employed. As a matter of fact, however, self-cooled transformers are seldom used over 1500 kw. Air-cooled polyphase are built for any desired power.

5. The difficulty of handling the larger number of taps for different voltage steps on one transformer is considerable.

On comparing the above advantages and disadvantages it is evident that three-phase transformers are applicable in large stations where the relative cost of the reserve is small, where there are sufficient handling facilities and where saving in floor space is essential. In transformers used for from 11,000 to 19,100 volts, the high-tension side is generally connected in delta, and with from 33,000 to 66,000 volts in Y with the grounded neutral. The secondaries are connected with the converters as follows: For two-phase diametrically, for three-phase Δ , Y or T, for six-phase diametrically, double delta, Y or T.

Transformers are built self cooled, air blast, oil cooled or water cooled, the manner of cooling depending upon the power and voltage.

In all transformers, the first step in the dissipation of the heat generated by the losses is its conduction from the interior of the core and coils to the surface exposed to the cooling medium. In the oil-cooled type, the oil heated by contact with the exposed surfaces of the core and coils rises to the surface, flows outward and descends along the sides of the transformer case from the outer surface of which the heat is radiated into the air. In the water-cooled type the same general process takes place, with the exception that most of the heat is carried away by water forced through a coil of pipe so placed that the heat is taken from the latest oil at the top of the transformer. The circulation of oil is completed after its descent along the sides of the case by again rising around the transformer core and winding and passing through ducts ar-

ranged for that purpose. In the air-blast type, cooling is affected by a forced draft of air, which is directed through spaces provided between coils and in the core structure.

For installation where initial cost is of less importance than minimum attendance and where very large units may not be asked for, the oil-cooled type of transformers is recommended. For plants requiring the largest size of transformers, either air-blast or the water-cooled types must be used, if the choice depends on voltage, cheapness of water supply, fire risk and first cost.

In the air-cooled type, ventilators driven by induction motors must be furnished, and the transformers provided on the bottom with dampers must be set up over an air-tight chamber which receives the air blast from the ventilators. The diagram in Fig. 272

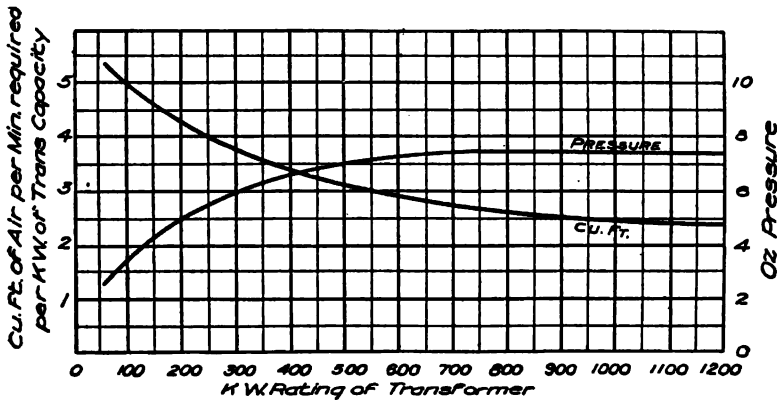


FIG. 272.—Diagram showing the amount and pressure of air required for single-phase transformers.

gives the amount and pressure of air required for single-phase transformers. Approximately 150 cubic feet of air per minute are required for each kilowatt lost. For three-phase type the volume required is equal to that for three single-phase transformers each of one-third the power of the three-phase apparatus, but the pressure should be that required for one single-phase corresponding in power to the three-phase transformer. Turns in the air chamber should be avoided, and the cross section should be such that the velocity of the air blast does not exceed 500 ft. per min. It should consist of smooth fireproof material and should be provided with drainage and be easily accessible. As the transformers are open on the top they should not be located where there is much dust or

dirt nor where water from any source is liable to fall on them. The blower should be so situated as to obtain clean dry air of a temperature not greater than 25°C . The air-blast transformers are used only up to a potential of 33,000 volts. Water and oil-cooled transformers have external piping to carry the cooling liquid to the apparatus. In the former type the water is forced to circulate, an extra pump being necessary for this purpose. The oil-insulated types have the primary and secondary lead-terminals set on top of the transformer, while the air blast have the primary on top and second-

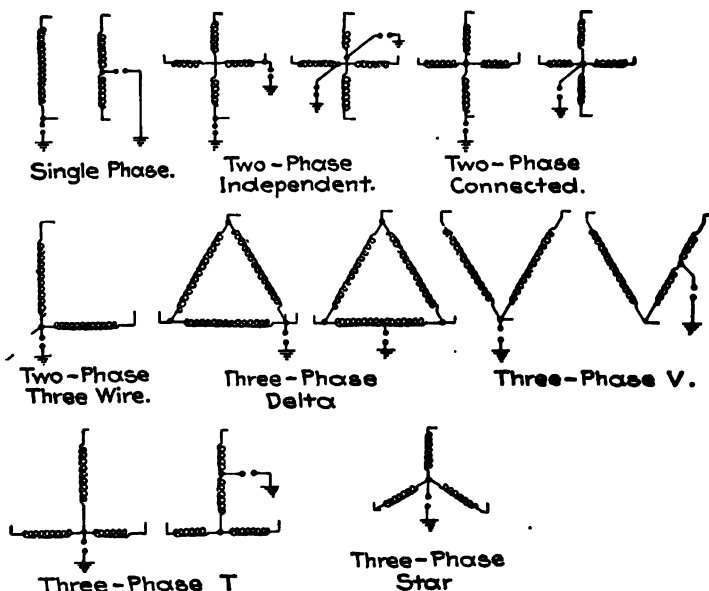


FIG. 273.—Spark-gap connection to transformer banks of different transformations.

ary on the bottom. Traveling cranes must often be provided to handle the larger units, or the transformers are constructed with rollers or are handled with roller wagons on tracks.

With transformers having large ratios of transformation and operating on high-voltage lines, there may occur, on the low-tension side, momentary voltages to ground, greatly in excess of the normal potential. These momentary increases in low-tension voltages are called "static disturbances," and in general are the result of a change in the static balance of the high-tension side and its connecting

circuits. In transformers with a high ratio of transformation this static disturbance on the low-tension side may cause serious strains in the insulation. It is more serious in high ratio transformers because its insulation is less able to withstand it, the induced static voltage being independent of the ratio of transformation. A method of relieving this disturbance is to join a discharge gap between a middle or neutral point of the low-tension side of the transformer and the ground. Any voltage very much in excess of the maximum normal will cause a discharge to ground over the adjusted opening of the spark-gap. The low-tension side will be thus tied to ground during such a discharge while at other times it is ungrounded. The commonly employed spark-gap connections to banks of transformers for different transformations are shown in Fig. 273. The low-tension windings are only shown as the connection of the high-tension windings is in general immaterial. One gap is used in all groups except that in two-phase independent circuits.

In laying out a sub-station it should be borne in mind that since even the normal operation of the machines will considerably increase the temperature, some provision should be made for good ventilation. This is particularly important where oil-cooled transformers are used, and ample ventilators should be provided in the roof so that the temperature will not become unbearable in the summer time. Where air-blast transformers are used the walls of the air-blast chambers should be water-proofed and the sub-station built at such an elevation that water will not stand on the floor of the air-blast chamber. If this is not done the transformers may be damaged by the warm air from the blowers picking up moisture and depositing it in transformers which are not in service.

With air-blast transformers care should be taken to open the dampers when the transformers are put in service. Such transformers should also be cleaned by a high pressure (about 40 pounds per square inch) jet of air at least once per month.

Faults in transformers, such as breakdowns between coils or turns, usually result in considerable smoke before the fault becomes sufficiently heavy to bring out an automatic switch. Smoking transformers should, of course, be cut out at once to avoid further damage.

Where any cables come into the station underground the entering conduits should be sealed and suitable drainage provided so that water cannot break into the cellar through these openings. When oil-cooled transformers are used it is well to install a pit of sufficient

capacity to hold the oil from several transformers, and to provide drainage piping.

An air compressor with a piping system or rubber-hose attachment should be provided to keep the machines clean from dust or metallic particles.

Sub-stations may be classed with regard to their location in the high-tension net as:

Intermediate stations, and end stations. The former will lie between two or more other sub-stations and the high-tension incoming lines feed the machines in the station and also the high-tension outgoing feeders which in turn feed the next sub-station. In case the intermediate station is located at a junction of several lines, and feeds a number of other sub-stations it is called a distribution sub-station. End sub-stations are the last stations on the system and may eventually become intermediate stations when the system expands. In case a load on a system is subject to shifting to certain sections during certain seasons, so that the load at these points requires additional sub-stations, portable sub-stations are made use of. A station of this kind consists of a car containing a complete sub-station equipment, which may be moved to any point along the tracks of the system and there joined to the high-tension line and the low-tension d.c. feeders. This form of sub-station is used only in railway service.

In case a high-tension short-circuit occurs during operation, the usual result is the opening of many or all high-tension oil switches on the incoming or outgoing feeder and converter equipments. If power goes off and all oil switches do not operate automatically in such a case, as may happen on a fault not constituting a solid short-circuit, the operator should open at once the oil switches not brought out automatically, noting which ones they are, and beginning with those of the sub-station machines. After a suitable length of time to allow the sub-station attendants to clear their oil switches, the main-station attendant should close in the line (or lines successively) to the first sub-station. It will be assumed that means are provided for indicating at the sub-station end when the power is restored. After receiving power from the generating station (assuming duplicate incoming high-tension lines) via both lines, the sub-station operator should close his incoming line switches and then proceed to close (one at a time) the switches which supply the outgoing lines to outlying sub-stations. If the short-circuit is on a line and has not cleared itself, power will vanish at the instant of closing one of

the outgoing line switches in one of the sub-stations. Usually this will again clear out all switches back to the generating station if the short-circuit is solid. The generating-station attendant should then restore power at once and the sub-station attendant should pass it as before, leaving the faulty line open, and reporting the same to the generating station as soon as all apparatus is in motion. To avoid confusion in the case of duplicate lines, an operator in a sub-station so supplied should not pass on power to outlying sub-stations until both incoming lines are alive or until he has received notice from the generating station that one is faulty.

In case there are several outgoing lines in different directions from the main station to the sub-station, or groups of sub-stations not otherwise interconnected, a short-circuit on one division of the network may bring out the lines to other divisions, owing to the "kick-back" of power from the converters. On hooking up the lines after such a shut-down, the fault, if it remains, will bring out only the lines to the group of the sub-stations to which it belongs, as converters will not be running on the other divisions to give a "kick-back." For this reason there is no need of telephonic communication to get the lines hooked up consecutively on the several divisions from the power house. Each division can go ahead independently, joining up lines as fast as power reaches each point until the faulty line is reached, when the whole division will probably come out but other divisions will not be affected.

SUB-STATIONS WITH MOTOR-GENERATOR SETS

The great variety of component units which when mounted on the same shaft constitute a motor-generator set, enables such a set to meet very effectively the different requirements called for by railway, power and lighting service.

The two most important uses for motor-generator sets are for changing frequency and for delivering direct current. When a railway or power system fed by a high-tension current at 25 cycles is to be made to supply a 60-cycle lighting system, a motor-generator set would be used consisting of a 25-cycle synchronous motor and a 60-cycle alternator. The arrangement of the machines must naturally be reversed if the lighting system is to feed the railway system. This use of motor-generators may be illustrated in another way by considering two or more independent power systems of different frequency whose supply is to be rendered interchangeable.

To drive single-phase railway motors it is often necessary to use motor-generator sets with 60-cycle three-phase synchronous motors

and 25-cycle single-phase generators. By this means the conversion is accomplished without unbalancing the three-phase system.

In designing motor-generator sets the speed must be so chosen that it will correspond to both frequencies and there must be taken into account whether or not the set is to be reversible. The most frequent use of motor-generators is to convert high-tension alternating current into low-tension direct current. Synchronous motors are preferred for this purpose since they are reversible. The power factor of the transmission line can be easily regulated by changing the field strength and the motor can be wound without difficulty for 10,000 volts or more. On the other hand an induction motor is of simpler construction, and requires a simpler switching arrangement and no exciter. The synchronous motor may be directly joined to the high-tension line, provided the transmission voltage lies below 15,000 volts. It might also be fed from a transformer bank when the line voltage exceeds the above value. The d.c. generator is of the ordinary type and is built for any required voltage.

Motor-generators	Synchronous motor set	240-300 volts 600 volts 1,200 volts 1,500 volts	Shunt boosters Series boosters
	Induction motor set	240-300 volts 600 volts 1,200 volts 1,500 volts	

As the table shows, motor-generator sets are used in connection with boosters for voltage regulation. The shunt boosters are principally applied on Edison systems as a means of obtaining different potentials on outgoing feeders; while series boosters are used on railway circuits to compensate for line drop and to maintain approximately constant potential at remote points of distribution.

Since a motor-generator set is employed for the same purpose as a synchronous converter the question arises which of the two methods is the better in any given case. The points which govern a selection are: (1) cost; (2) reliability; (3) adaptability; (4) efficiency; and (5) floor space.

In a paper read by Mr. E. W. Allen before the Association of Edison Illuminating Company are discussed the advantages and disadvantages of different apparatus for d.c. sub-station. An extract of the paper is given in the following tables and analysis of the

figures. The machines taken for comparison are of the very latest type, the synchronous converter being of the split pole type, while the motor-generator sets are equipped with commutating poles.

The synchronous motor-generator set having been selected in the accompanying table as a basis for the comparisons for the different types of sets in regard to their efficiencies, prices, floor space and weights, conclusions can be drawn as to the advantage in the use of one or of the other machine in cases at hand.

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE EFFICIENCIES, PRICES, FLOOR SPACE AND WEIGHTS¹

Kw. Capacity	EFFICIENCIES					
	25 Cycles			60 Cycles		
	Syn. mot. gen. set	Ind. mot. gen. set	Syn. convtr.	Syn. mot. gen. set	Ind. mot. gen. set	Syn. convtr.
300 Full load	84	+2.4%	+ 6.5%	86½	-1.4%	+2.2%
¾ load	82½	+2.1%	+ 7.6%	85	-2.0%	+2.1%
½ load	77	+4.0%	+12.3%	81½	-2.7%	+1.0%
500 Full load	85½	+2.3%	+ 6.1%	87½	-8.5%	+1.4%
¾ load	83½	+2.1%	+ 7.7%	86	-1.1%	+1.2%
½ load	79½	+3.8%	+11.0%	83	-2.7%	.....
1,000 Full load	87½	+0.3%	+ 4.8%	87½	-0.3%	.....
¾ load	86	+0.6%	+ 5.2%	86	-0.6%	.....
½ load	82½	+1.7%	+ 9.4%	83	-0.3%	.....
2,000 Full load	88½	+0.6%	+ 4.5%	88½	-0.3%	.....
¾ load	85½	+0.3%	+ 5.7%	86½	-0.3%	.....
½ load	82½	+2.4%	+ 9.3%	83	-0.3%	.....

PRICE PER KW.

300.....	\$26.17	+0.6%	- 4.0%	\$25.75	+0.3%	-3.0%
500.....	24.70	-1.4%	-11.7%	23.20	+0.9%	-2.0%
1,000.....	20.25	-3.0%	- 0.5%	19.45	+0.2%	.....
2,000.....	19.10	-2.0%	+10.0%	18.10	+5.0%	.....

FLOOR SPACE

300.....	80		+13.7%	67		+43.0%
500.....	122	Same as	+ 8.3%	110	Same as	+36.0%
1,000.....	136	syn. mot.	+25.0%	140	syn. mot.	.....
2,000.....	440	gen. set.	- 8.4%	435	gen. set.	.....

WEIGHTS

300.....	50,000	-2.0%	-36.0%	48,000	-2.0%	-16.7%
500.....	68,000	-4.4%	-30.0%	65,000	-4.6%	-15.4%
1,000.....	98,000	-8.1%	- 5.0%	92,000	-3.3%	.....
2,000.....	215,000	-7.0%	- 2.3%	212,000	-1.4%	.....

¹ Electrical World. November 14, 1908.

The values for synchronous converters and induction motor sets are expressed in percentage of the corresponding values in the synchronous motor set. The sign preceding a figure denotes whether it should be added to or subtracted from the figure given on the synchronous motor. The analysis of the figures shows that the 25- and 60-cycle synchronous converters are superior in efficiency at all loads to either type of motor generator set, the difference being particularly marked at light load on the 25-cycle machine. The brush friction and windage constitute a relatively larger proportion of the losses in the 60-cycle converter, and its efficiency at light load only exceeds that of the motor generator set by a small amount. The induction motor set is more efficient than the synchronous motor set at 25 cycles, but less efficient at 60 cycles. The difference in efficiency is considered in all cases when the cost of fuel for steam generation is an important factor. If water-power is used this item may lose its significance.

With the exception of the 1500 and 2000-kw. 25-cycle units, the synchronous converters are less expensive in both frequencies than the motor-generator sets. In the larger sizes the 25-cycle induction motor sets are less expensive than either of the synchronous machines. The high cost of the 300-kw., 25-cycle induction motor set is due to the external starting devices, which constitute a relatively large proportion of the cost of the motor. The 60-cycle synchronous motor-generator sets are less expensive in all sizes than the induction machines listed at this frequency. If induction regulators are used with the older types of the converters for regulating the voltage, the advantage in the less cost of the converter is almost entirely eliminated.

The additional floor space required for converters with transformers must be considered in sub-stations where floor space is valuable, such as in large cities. If the transformers can be located on a gallery a greater capacity in synchronous converters than in motor generator sets can be installed in a sub-station of a given floor space, inasmuch as induction regulators and series boosters are no longer necessary with the split-pole type of synchronous converters.

It is often necessary to increase the output of sub-stations having limited floor space and headroom by the installation of larger units. Instances of this kind may be found in sub-stations located in the basement of office buildings in large cities. The conditions here imposed have been successfully met by vertical synchronous converters. In Chicago, for example, the use of this type permitted

the output of a sub-station to be increased 50 per cent. over that possible with any other machine available.

The weight of the motor-generator sets is, owing to the high speed, slightly less than that of the synchronous converters, with its accessories, the induction motor weighing less in both frequencies than the synchronous motor set.

Continuity of service can, with careful attendance, be obtained from all three classes of machines. The excellent protection afforded by the use of speed limiting devices, reverse current relays and circuit breakers, practically eliminates the possibility of damage due to runaways or overloads.

Synchronous converters equipped with regulating poles can be used to obtain a wide range in voltage without materially increasing the cost over that required to give a lower range. The excitation of a split-pole converter can be controlled by means of an automatic regulator and the direct-current voltage kept constant even with wide variations in the voltage of the alternating-current supply. The regulator may also be adjusted to hold a constant load on the converter and cause storage batteries or other machines to carry fluctuations in the load beyond a predetermined amount. Advantage can be taken of this point when the energy is purchased from a transmission company whose rate of charge is based on maximum demand. In case induction and synchronous motors are used in the same system; the lagging current of the former can be compensated by overcompounding the synchronous motor, so that the resultant current from the central station will be in phase with the voltage. This ability to furnish a leading current to the line and improve the power factor and hence the regulation and output of the generating and transmitting equipment, constitutes one of the greatest advantages of synchronous over induction machines. The synchronous motor-generator set is therefore best suited in a system carrying a low power-factor load, as extra capacity for improving the power factor can be furnished at a small increase in the first cost and the same time the d.c. voltage may be easily and independently regulated by means of the shunt rheostat or by overcompounding the d.c. generator. Motor generator sets are well suited for lighting purposes. In Europe they are used almost exclusively and are preferred to converters even in d.c. railway service, as their converters, which have a frequency of 50 cycles, possess the same disadvantages as our 60-cycle machines for railway service.

Storage batteries are installed in the majority of lighting sub-

stations, and direct current starting is to be recommended in such cases for all three classes of machines. If d.c. cannot be obtained from such a source, a failure of the a.c. supply will cause a complete shut down of the sub-station and require the starting of at least one unit from the a.c. side, after which d.c. will be available for starting the remaining units. All the machines described are suited for starting either from d.c. or a.c. side. The resistance in the secondary circuits of the induction machine limits the current at starting to a value considerably less than that required at full-load.

Synchronous motors are started by means of starting compensators. Synchronous converters can be started from $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ taps or the secondary of the transformers.

Twenty-five-cycle converters are better adapted to railway service than motor-generator sets, as they respond more readily to fluctuations in load and possess a greater overload capacity. Those equipped with regulating poles are superior to all types of machines listed in those qualities which ordinarily govern the selection of low-frequency sub-station apparatus with the exception in cases where precise voltage regulation is necessary. Sixty-cycle synchronous converters are more efficient than either type of motor-generator set, but afford a relatively small margin for correcting the power factor of the system, this last is the reason that synchronous motor-generator sets are more generally used at the higher frequency. Sixty-cycle induction motor-generator sets are the least efficient of all and as they possess the added disadvantage of lowering the power factor of the line, are seldom recommended for lighting and power sub-stations.

Where unusual conditions of operation are not encountered, consideration of economy, efficiency and maintenance dictate a selection of apparatus somewhat as follows:

25 cycles	{	Railway service 600 volts.....	Synchronous converter.
		Railway service 1,200 volts.....	Synchronous converter.
		Railway service 1,500 volts.....	Synchronous converter.
		Lighting service 240-300 volts.....	Synchronous converter.
60 cycles	{	Railway service, 600 volts.....	{ Converter or motor-generator set.
		Railway service, 1,200 volts.....	{ Motor-generator set or two 600-volt converters in series.
		Railway service, 1,500-1,800 volts.....	{ Motor-generator set.
		Lighting service, 240-300 volts.....	{ Converter or motor-generator set.

In practice motor-generators are used for feeding the two outer wires in three-wire systems, or for feeding all three wires in three-wire systems. In the former case a single generator will be used coupled to a synchronous motor, and in the latter two generators driven by one induction or synchronous motor are required. For railway service there is used one 600-volt generator with an induction motor. Motor-generators are also used as exciter sets, booster sets, balancer sets in three-wire systems, or as charging sets for storage batteries.

TRANSFORMER SUB-STATIONS

A system employing high-tension alternating current, possesses not only the advantages due to high tension, but also those resulting from the use of alternating current.

In America as well as in Europe alternating-current railway service is essentially single-phase, although in a few inclined railways, such as the Jungfrau, Gornegrat and Engelberg and the experimental road Berlin-Zossen, three-phase is used. Single-phase is preferred on account of its simplicity and especially since the new types of single-phase motors have done away with the former lack of good motors with which single-phase current could be used.

In the following paragraphs there will be pointed out the various methods employed in practice for generation and distribution of alternating current.

1. Single-phase current is generated, and is fed to the overhead lines directly as such or through transformers.
2. Three-phase current may be generated to supply a motor-generator set from which the required single-phase is obtained.
3. The single-phase railway net may be joined through transformers to one leg of the three-phase transmission line.
4. The three legs of the three-phase line are connected to transformers and are made to supply separate portions of the system.
5. The central station may be located at the center of the system and generate two-phase, each leg supplying energy to half of the system.
6. The three-phase line may be connected to three-phase-two-phase transformers which feed separate sections of the line. Each section is supplied from two adjacent sub-stations.
 1. In this case it must be remembered that no synchronous converters, self-starting synchronous motors or induction motors

starting under load can be fed from the line. This system is therefore applicable exclusively to railway service and especially for trunk lines using a current of 15 cycles which is subject to no other kind of load.

Single-phase generators are difficult to regulate. They are heavier and more expensive and operate at lower efficiency. The same considerations apply to single-phase transformers. They nevertheless afford simpler generation and distribution and therefore the switching arrangements are cheaper. When transformers are required, one in each sub-station will suffice. In that case one terminal of the low-tension side of the transformer is grounded and the other is connected to the overhead line.

2. If three-phase is generated, synchronous converters may be used to feed motors and lighting systems. A single-phase railway net supplied from motor-generators does not subject the primary transmission line to unbalanced loads, which is one of the greatest advantages of this system. The set can be used as a frequency changer, with the motor run by a 60-cycle current and the generator supplying current at 25 cycles. Another advantage is that it can be set up either in the central station or in the sub-station. In the former case, both the primary and secondary distributing nets are single-phase, while in the latter, the primary is three-phase and the secondary single-phase.

3. Although the system in which a single-phase railway net is fed from one leg of a three-phase system admits of the use of converters and synchronous motors on all three legs of the circuit, it nevertheless causes considerable unbalanced loading, so that the rating of the starting machines is reduced by from 30 to 50 per cent. The generators themselves will have the same disadvantages as the single-phase machines, and moreover will have only two-thirds the rating which they would have in a balanced three-phase system. In this case both the primary and secondary distribution are single-phase.

4. When the length of the overhead line may be divided into three parts or any multiple of three, then the sections are fed singly from the separate legs of the three-phase circuit. Any two adjacent sub-stations will feed the intermediate section from the same phase, so that two transformers in each sub-station will be necessary to care for the service. The three-phase net is balanced subject to the condition that the sections are equally loaded. As this requirement cannot be met, this method of generation and distribution is open to the same objections noted above under 3.

5. In this system, like in the one described above, the two-phase line is balanced only as long as the two sections are loaded equally.

6. In this last system, the three-phase is supplied to each sub-station where three-phase-two-phase transformer bank (consisting of two transformers) is operated. The secondary delivers two-phase current and the phases are separated so that each feeds a portion of the overhead line. As a rule, adjacent sub-stations feed the intermediate section from the same leg, as in case 4. The system is balanced only when the line is correctly subdivided and when the loads in the various sections are equal.

In considering the relative merits of sub-stations, however, it is found that the two systems differ widely.

Consider a single-phase system with sub-stations for stepping down to a lower supply voltage or for supplying single-phase from three-phase e.m.f. Each of the sub-stations must be equipped with one or more transformer banks which, when compared to the equipment for converter sub-stations, cost considerable less. The cost of buildings, switching equipment and attendance is also a great deal less than for the converter stations. Since the voltage in the supply lines for this kind of system is higher than that ordinarily used with direct current, a greater line drop becomes admissible, when it follows that the sub-stations may be placed farther apart. This naturally results in a less number of such stations and in greatly reduced total cost.

In single-phase systems the distance between sub-stations and the cross section of the overhead lines for a given service voltage and drop are interdependent. The relation between these quantities should be such that the greatest possible economy is obtained, that is, the least weight of copper with the least number of sub-stations. In this connection the following points should be taken into account.

1. The line drop should not be sufficient to affect the efficiency of the car service or the lighting of the cars.

2. Reserves must be kept on hand in each sub-station for replacing disabled apparatus. The rating of the transformers must be large enough to enable them to carry not only the maximum overload but also the combined normal load of their own section plus that of the next adjacent section. (In case of breakdown of an adjacent transformer station.)

3. The overhead line should have neither too small nor too large a cross section. The latter specification is to avoid unnecessarily heavy suspension.

4. A less number of sub-stations decreases the number of danger points where the connections to the high-tension line are made.

MISCELLANEOUS SUB-STATIONS

Another type of sub-station contains only storage batteries which are used to feed the lines. A station of this sort is usually located in an annex to a central station or to a converter sub-station, or it may be housed in a building of its own. This depends upon whether or not the battery is to be used as a reserve or equalizer for the converters, or for feeding the line directly, equalizing the load in the transmission line or for compensating the voltage loss. Equalizing and compensating tend toward saving in copper and raising the efficiency of the line. Line batteries are connected to the line directly as floating batteries; that is the charges and discharges are made to depend upon the suddenness of the load fluctuations. If the fluctuations are not sudden enough or if a more sensitive regulation is required, the action of the battery is regulated by a booster located in the central station or in the battery sub-station.

On their electric zone The New York Central and Hudson River Railroad employs two circuit-breaker houses between each two adjacent sub-stations which are fed from the nearest sub-station. They are used to assist in governing the supply for the third rail. Each house contains six circuit breakers, one for each of the connections to the four third rails, one for the auxiliary feeders, and one for a spare in case of failure of the other five. The circuit breakers open automatically on overload but they can also be opened or closed from the nearest power sub-station. Pilot lamps in these stations indicate whether the breakers are opened or closed.

Lightning arrester houses are placed where underground feeders change to overhead lines. They contain the necessary lightning protective devices, reactance coils and disconnecting switches.

CHAPTER XXVII

TYPICAL SUB-STATIONS

LONG ISLAND R. R.

IN the following description is given an extract of an article by W. N. Smith, published in *Street Railway Journal*: The high-tension transmission system of the Long Island Railroad is shown in Fig.

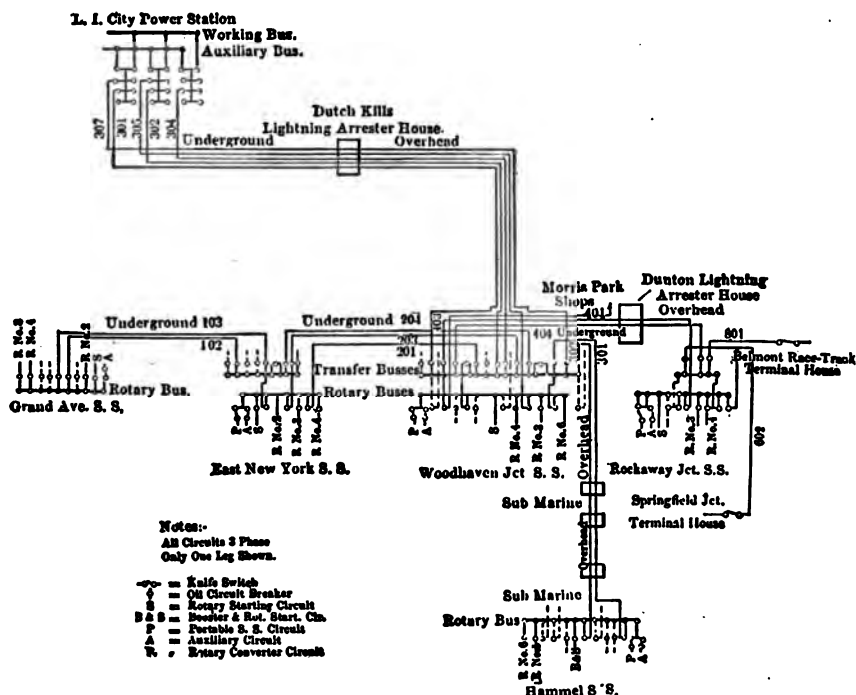


FIG. 274.—Outline diagram of feeder circuits.

274. From the central station in Long Island City five feeders run out in an 18-duct conduit line to Dutch Kills Street, and thence overhead on a line of steel poles to the distributing sub-station at Woodhaven Junction. A branch line of three circuits runs westward from here to East New York sub-station, two circuits running thence to Grand Avenue sub-station, all these being run in under-

ground conduits. To the east of Woodhaven Junction there are two circuits, run underground to Dunton where the transmission is changed from underground to overhead, continuing eastward overhead on steel poles to Rockaway Junction sub-station. The branch circuits from the Rockaway Junction to the portable sub-station terminal buildings at Belmont Park and Springfield Junction are carried overhead on wooden poles. An additional feeder runs out underground from Woodhaven Junction in the same direction, to the repair shop at Morris Park. Southward from Woodhaven two circuits are carried overhead to Hammel sub-station.

The following table gives the present and ultimate equipment of the above-mentioned stations.¹

The converters used in the sub-stations are of the Westinghouse type, each provided with a starting motor mounted on an extension of the base of the converter. The 1000-kw. converters are rated to deliver 1600 amp. at 625 volts and 1667 amp. at 600 volts. The three-phase e.m.f. at the alternating end is approximately 370 volts for 625 at the direct-current end. These machines possess 8 poles

Station	Rotary con- verters kw.	Trans- formers kw.	Boosters kw.	A. C. feeders	D. C. feeders
Grand Avenue:					
Present installation.....	3—1,000	9—375	.....	2	5
Ultimate capacity.....	5—1,500	15—550	.....	4	11
East New York:					
Present installation.....	3—1,000	9—375	.....	5	6
Ultimate capacity.....	4—1,500	12—550	.....	12	16
Woodhaven Junction:					
Present installation.....	3—1,500	9—550	.....	12	10
Ultimate capacity.....	6—1,500	18—550	.....	18	18
Rockaway Junction:					
Present installation.....	2—1,000	6—375	.....	4	6
Ultimate capacity.....	4—1,500	12—550	.....	11	16
Hammel:					
Present installation.....	2—1,000	6—375	2—162	2	6
Ultimate capacity.....	5—1,500	15—550	2—162	5	13
Valley Stream.....					
Two portable sub-stations:					
Each equipped.....	1—1,000	3—375	.....	1	1

¹“Long Island R. R. Sub-stations,” *Street Railway Journal*, June 23, 1906.

and operate at 375 rev. per min., corresponding to a frequency of 25 cycles per second. The 1500-kw. converters are rated to deliver 2400 amp. at 625 volts or 2500 amp. at 600 volts. They have 12 poles and run at 250 rev. per min. Both types have compound field windings with the shunt winding arranged for self-excitation.

The transformers used for the converters are of the air-blast type. Those for the 1000-kw. converters are grouped in banks of three 375-kw. transformers to one converter. For the 1500-kw. machines they are in groups of three 550 kw. each. The high-tension winding is designed for a normal e.m.f. of 12,000 volts, with taps arranged to enable other voltages to be utilized down to 10,000 volts. The low-tension winding is designed to carry 400 volts normally, with taps which will enable other voltages to be taken off down to 340 volts. The high-tension terminals are at the top of the transformer, and the low-tension in the bottom.

In each station there are four sets of auxiliary transformers which supply energy for the following purposes: (1) To the converter starting motors. (2) To the motors driving the booster-generators and their exciters. At Hammel station these transformers are made large enough also to drive converter starting motors at the same time. (3) For driving the transformer blower motors and an induction motor-generator set used to charge the small auxiliary storage battery that supplies energy for the electric switch control system. (4) For house lighting.

At sub-stations Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 where there are no storage batteries, a group of three transformers is employed to furnish energy for the starting motors of the converters. These are rated at 50 kv-amp. each, the bank being able to start up and synchronize three 1500-kw. converters simultaneously. They are of the oil-insulated, self-cooling type and reduce the three-phase 25-cycle current from 12,000 volts to 460 volts. They are placed in a row on the main floor and are connected to the main bus by an automatic oil switch, electrically operated from the main control stand.

At sub-station No. 5 where a storage battery is employed that involves the use of two 162-kw. booster-generators each driven by a 235-hp. induction motor, there is provided a bank of three 200-kw. air-blast transformers. These are sufficiently large not only for operating the battery booster under maximum conditions of load but also for simultaneously starting one converter without dropping the secondary voltage of the transformers sufficiently to affect the booster regulation. These transformers are set on the main floor

over the air ducts for the main transformers and in line with the latter.

The seven 0.5 kv-amp. transformers are provided for the blower motors and the induction motor which operates a small booster-generator used for charging the auxiliary storage battery that furnishes energy for the electrically operated switch control system. At Woodhaven Junction they are of 10-kw. rating. These transformers are of the oil-insulated type, and the transformation is from 12,000 volts to 400 volts.

The Woodhaven Junction station and those in the East New York and Rockaway Junction distribute alternating current to feeders supplying the outlying sub-stations near the terminals of the railway system. For this purpose they are equipped with two

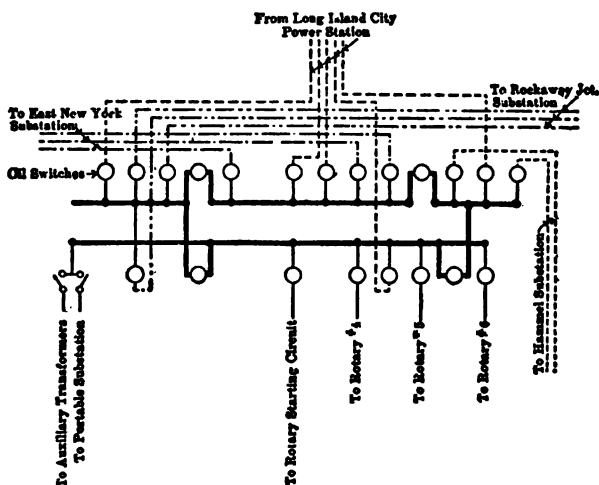


FIG. 275.—Arrangement of connections to high-tension buses at Woodhaven Station.

sets of buses, one called the transfer bus and the other the working bus, the former giving flexibility in shifting feeders among all the sub-stations. The converter or working bus in each station receives energy directly through feeders, and independently of the transfer bus in that particular station. This enables high-tension energy to be passed through an intermediate sub-station to one or more beyond, independent of operation of apparatus in the former.

Fig. 275 illustrates the high-tension connections at Woodhaven sub-station and shows how the three outgoing branches of the feeder

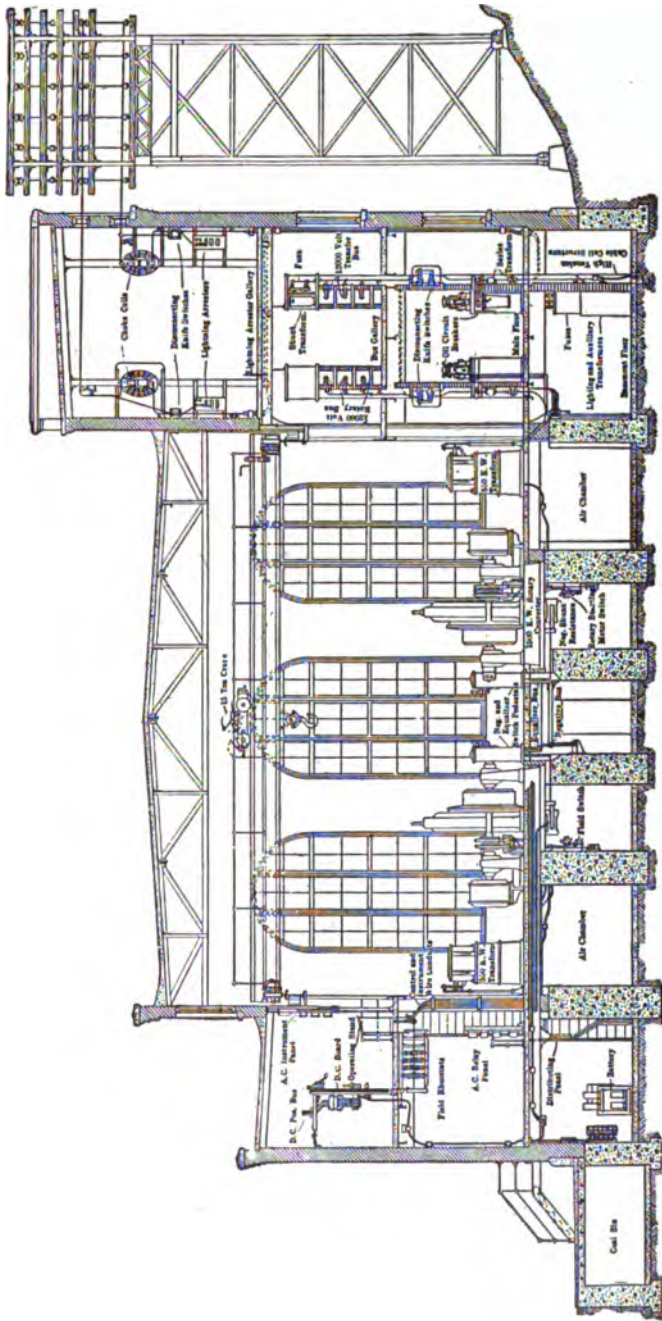


Fig. 276.—Elevation of Woodhaven Junction sub-station, Long Island Railroad.

line each receive energy through a separate section of the transfer bus in that station, each section having an independent feeder on the main trunk line coming from the power station. The transfer bus is sectionalized by non-automatic oil switches so that all branches can be run separately or together as desired. By means of tie switches the converter bus can be coupled to either of the three sections of the transfer bus. The other two intermediate sub-stations have a similar equipment but it is somewhat simpler, as less apparatus is required. In the ultimate installation it is planned to have main feeders run directly from the Long Island City power station to each of these three principal sub-stations. The feeders now connecting to these transfer buses will then be available as relays.

At sub-stations Nos. 1 and 5 the only bus needed is that required for the operation of the converters.

The plan and cross section of the Woodhaven station are shown in Figs. 276 and 277. A side track enters the station and enough space is provided to permit the entrance of a portable sub-station which can be coupled with the apparatus at the station if required. The feeders from the central station run to a tower-like structure in one end of the station where the lightning arresters, reactance coils and disconnecting switches are located. The arresters are of the Westinghouse low-equivalent type mounted on marble panels which are carried on steel angle iron framework. The three arresters on the three legs of the high-tension circuits are separated by barriers of asbestos lumber. The arresters are all provided with knife switches so that they can readily be disconnected. There is a reactance coil in series with each main circuit mounted near the top of the steel framework. The arresters are mounted on special porcelain insulators and the use of wood is entirely dispensed with in the lightning arrester gallery, thus insuring fireproof construction. The openings in the side through which the cables enter are 18 in. square, enclosed by two glass plates 0.375 in. thick and separated 5 in., having 2.5-in. holes in the centers through which the cables and feeders pass, without touching the glass. Access of rain or snow through the openings is prevented by a thin brass disk about 2.5 in. in diameter which is fastened upon each cable between the two glass plates. Standard straight line insulators are used for supporting the bare wire inside of the building.

From the gallery the cables are led down the main wall to the basement whence they are run to the respective oil switches on the machine room floor. These switches are set up in two rows, that

nearer the outside wall containing all of those belonging to the distribution system for the other sub-stations and the other containing the switches for station use. From the feeder oil switches cables are led to the working and transfer buses on the bus gallery. From the latter they run through disconnecting and oil switches to end bells for the underground cables in the basement or to the reactance coils and lightning arresters in the tower for the overhead lines. From the working buses, on the other hand, the cables pass through disconnecting and oil switches to the high-tension delta of the transformers. The positive cables of the machine are led to the positive busbars on the d.c. board on the operating gallery; whence the feeding of the third rail is controlled. The outgoing d.c. feeders are taken out underground in tile ducts. In Fig. 275 there are indicated the mounting of the negative and equalizer buses, the field switch, and the shunt resistance in the foundations of the machines, and also the pedestals with the negative and equalizer switches on the machine room floor near the machines. On the operating gallery are set the switchboards controlling the a.c. feeders, the bench and instrument boards for the converters, and as mentioned above, the panels for the d.c. side of the machine and for the d.c. feeders.

The a.c. control apparatus consists of two groups, one taking care of the oil switches for the incoming feeders from power station to transfer bus, for the bus section switches of this set of buses, and for the outgoing high-tension feeders from the transfer bus to the sub-stations. The second group controls the feeder from the power house to the working or converter bus, the switch connecting the transfer and converter buses and the switches joining the main transformers for the converters with the working bus. The first group has its controlling apparatus on a switchboard consisting of three panels, each of which has provision for mounting six 500-amp. a.c. ammeters, eight controllers for the oil switches with eight pairs of signal lamps. The second group is mounted on a separate bank of control benches with instrument panels, which are set up so as not to obstruct the operator's view over the station. Going from left to right the designation of the control and instrument panels on the bench and overhead framework is as follows:

1. Two converter bus-connecting switches. These connect the converter bus with the transfer bus.
2. Alternating-current feeder direct from power station to converter bus.

3. Blank panel reserved for booster in case of storage-battery installation.

4. Switches connecting the converter bus with transformers supplying converter starting motors (and booster motors when installed).

5. Blank panel for future converter.

6, 7, 8. Panels for converters installed.

The oil switches for manipulating the 12,000-volt current are three-pole type C Westinghouse. Their normal carrying capacity is 600 amp., but they can handle a short-circuit of a maximum kilovolt-ampere rating equivalent to a generator rating of 33,000 kw. All oil switches are automatic except those used for connecting the sections of the transfer bus. The control apparatus by means of which the electrically operated oil switches are worked from the control stand consists of a circuit supplied by a storage battery whose current is conveyed to the two closing coils and one tripping coil of each oil switch. The control circuits are closed either by a controlling switch on the bench, or if control is automatic by the time-limit relay which is actuated from a series transformer in each high-tension circuit. The panel with the relays is on the machine-room floor under the operating gallery.

The high-tension busbars each consist of three sets of bars of rolled copper mounted on porcelain pillars and carried in closed compartments placed one above the other in a structure of yellow pressed brick with alberene stone slabs separating the three tiers. The holes by which the taps enter and leave the compartments are made through alberene stone slabs bushed with heavy porcelain insulating bushings. Where the busbars are sectionalized the compartments in the same tier are completely divided off by stone slabs. The shunt transformers are in separate closed compartments on top of the bus structure. On the back of each of these structures is built a set of vertical septums to separate the cables that enter and leave the structure to tap the busbars. The septums are continuous with those in the upward extension of the back walls of the oil switch structure.

The air-cooled transformers are set up over air chambers in two rows on both sides of the machine room. Two ventilators supply the chambers, operated by 9.8-hp. motors. The ventilators run at 480 rev. per min. and deliver 18,000 cubic feet of air per minute at 70° F. against a maintained pressure of 1 oz. per square inch. All disconnecting switches are separated from each

side by asbestos barriers. The series transformers for the instruments and relays are mounted in compartments in back of the oil switches.

The arrangements in the other stations are similar to the one described above but are somewhat simpler, since there are less machines and instruments and since no lightning arresters are necessary with the underground lines.

Hammel station differs from the others in that it is provided with a storage battery which is used as a regulator for the converters, though provision is made in the design of the other substations for their ultimate installation. The battery itself comprises 300 elements of the Electric Storage Battery Company's chloride accumulator, each element containing 55 type R. plates in regular service. At the temperature of 70° F. they have the following ratings:

Rate	Time	Rating
700 amperes	8 hours	5,600 ampere-hours
1,000 amperes	5 hours	5,000 ampere-hours
1,500 amperes	3 hours	4,500 ampere-hours
3,200 amperes	1 hour	3,200 ampere-hours

The normal rating of the battery is on the basis of one hour, for which time it can be discharged at the rate of 3200 amp. In case of necessity, however, the battery can discharge at the rate of 6400 amp. for 20 minutes. For instantaneous fluctuations it can discharge up to a momentary maximum rate of 9600 amp. For charging and discharging of the battery, and hence its proper maintenance as a regulator to maintain a comparatively steady load on the converters, there are used two direct-connected, motor-driven, separately excited boosters. Each consists of one three-phase induction motor for 25 cycles at 400 volts rated at 235 hp., and of a booster-generator rated to deliver 1200 amp. at 135 volts. The overload capacity of the latter is 1600 amp. for one hour and 3200 for two minutes. The transformer equipment which supplies the motor consists of three 200-kv-amp. air-blast transformers. The field of the booster is excited by a small booster exciter-generator driven by a 3-phase, 400-volt, 25 cycle induction motor. The strength of the field and the polarity of the booster-exciter field-coils are regulated by a carbon regulator manufactured by the

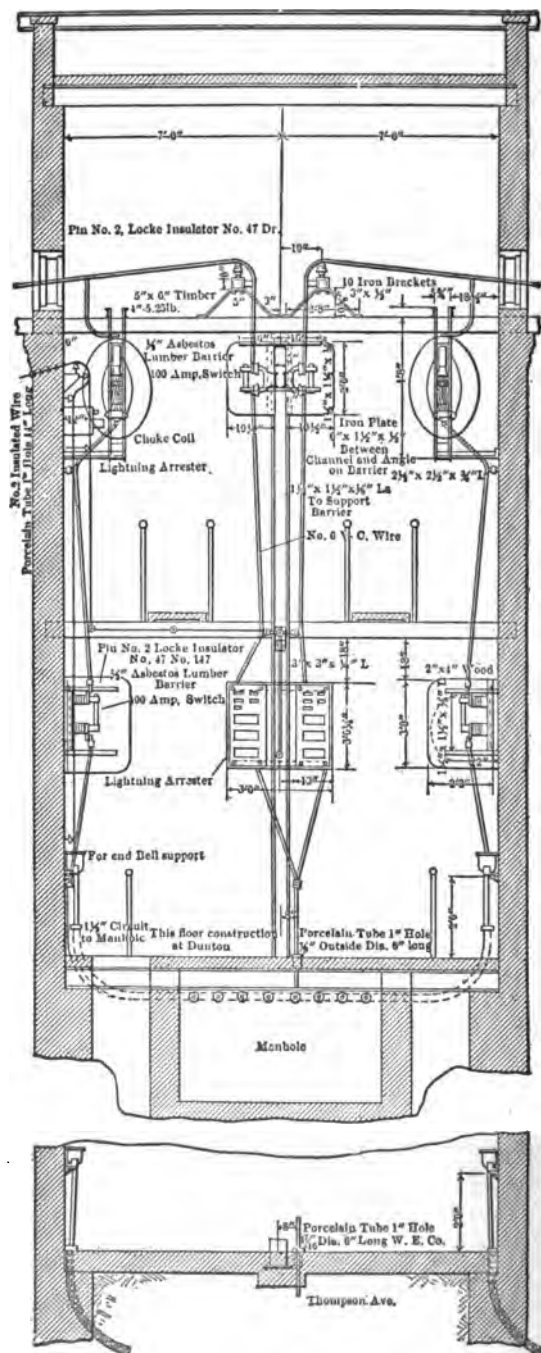


FIG. 278.—Cross section of lightning arrester house, Long Island Railroad.

Electric Storage Battery Company. By the aid of this regulator the polarity and field strength of the exciter change instantaneously with the fluctuations in the main circuit, which in turn produces changes in the excitation of the booster. This latter regulates charging and discharging of the battery. In this way the fluctuations of the load on the converters may be adjusted within a wide range (from 5 per cent. to 50 per cent.).

Wherever an underground feeder changes to an overhead line, lightning arrester houses are installed. Fig. 274 shows the location of two of these houses, one at Dutch Kills Street, and the other at Dunton, and three others on the line going to Hammel sub-station. In Fig. 278 the cross section of the Dutch Kills lightning arrester house is shown. It is a brick structure and contains room for eight outgoing overhead circuits which leave the house four on a side. The arrester house is 33.15 feet in length, 17.5 feet wide and 30.5 feet high inside. The steel beams supporting the apparatus extend to the outside of the building, forming a series of racks for the support of transmission cables which are dead-ended upon them. The arresters are all provided with knife switches. Resistance coils are built in, in series with each main circuit and another knife switch between the coil and the cable bell. The disposition of the material is such as to economize space and at the same time make each circuit capable of ready access without incurring risk from other apparatus. The incoming cables are carried through the floors by means of ducts reaching to the last manhole in the conduit line, and are arranged along the wall running through the switches and through the reactance coils to the various outlets. The arresters are mounted on either side of the steel framework in the center of the building and the ground connections all run to a single ground lead consisting of a 5.5-sq. ft. copper plate buried in the ground between layers of crushed coke. The outlets and arresters are the same as in the station previously described.

CONEY ISLAND AND BROOKLYN RAILROAD COMPANY SUB-STATION

Figs. 279, 280, 281 282 and 283 show the arrangements designed by the author for the sub-station in De Kalb Avenue. The building is typical for city service where real estate is expensive. It is built on a lot 25 ft. wide and is at present equipped with two 1000-kw. converters. If necessary, the rear of the building can be extended

so as to accommodate two additional units. The narrowness of the building necessitates a special gallery arrangement for the apparatus. Four three-pole oil switches (2 for incoming line and 2 for the machines) are set up in separate cell structures, the end walls of which are continued upward so as to carry the gallery with the air chamber and busbar compartments. The inner partitions of the

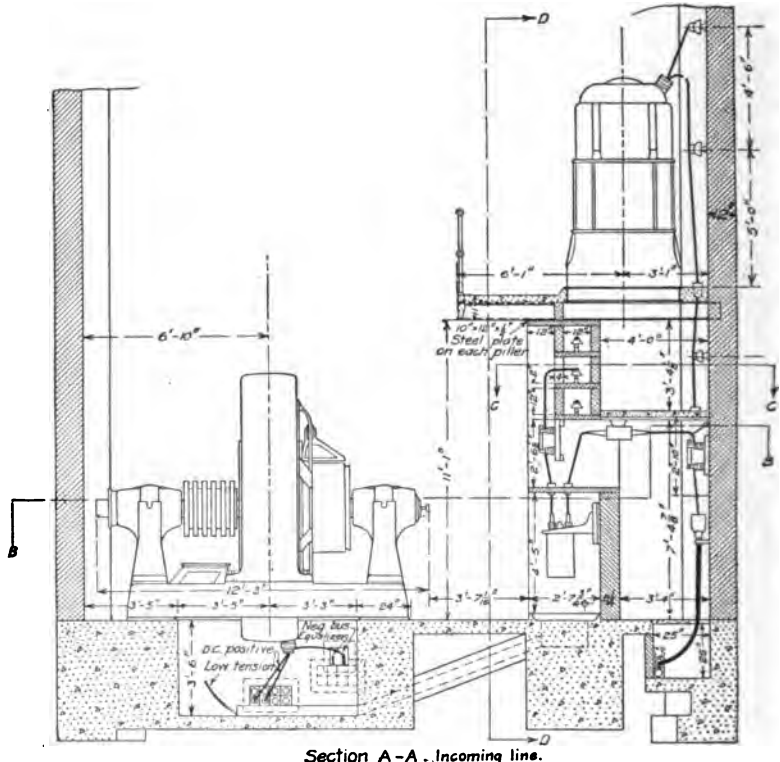
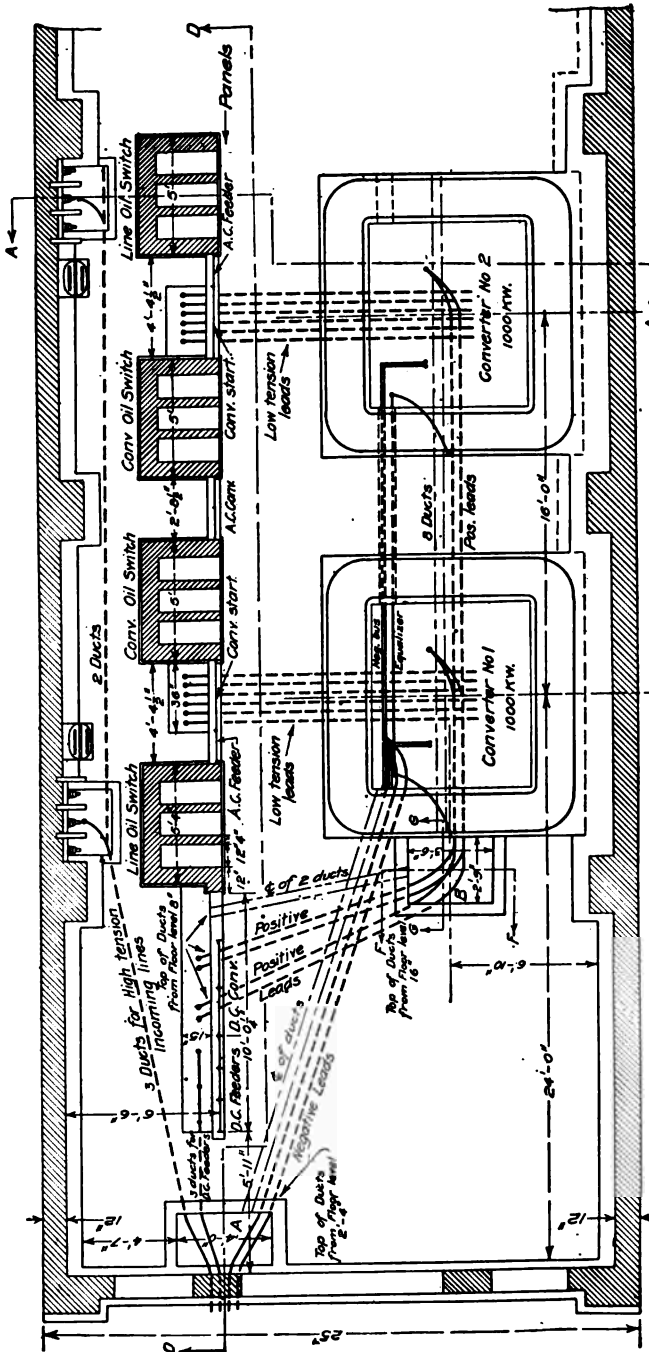


FIG. 279.—Cross section De Kalb Avenue Sub-station. (Coney Island and Brooklyn R. R. Co.)

structures also run up to the gallery, but serve only as barriers for the separation of the busbar connections. The high-tension three-conductor cables are led in ducts to the wall back of the oil switches where they diverge and are joined to the disconnecting switches. From here they run on to the ceiling of the air-chamber to the oil switches. All oil switches are type K₄, (G. E. Co.), three single-pole making one triple-pole. They are operated by means of a pipe



Section B-B
 FIG. 280.—Plan of De Kalb Avenue Sub-station. (Coney Island and Brooklyn R. R. Co.)

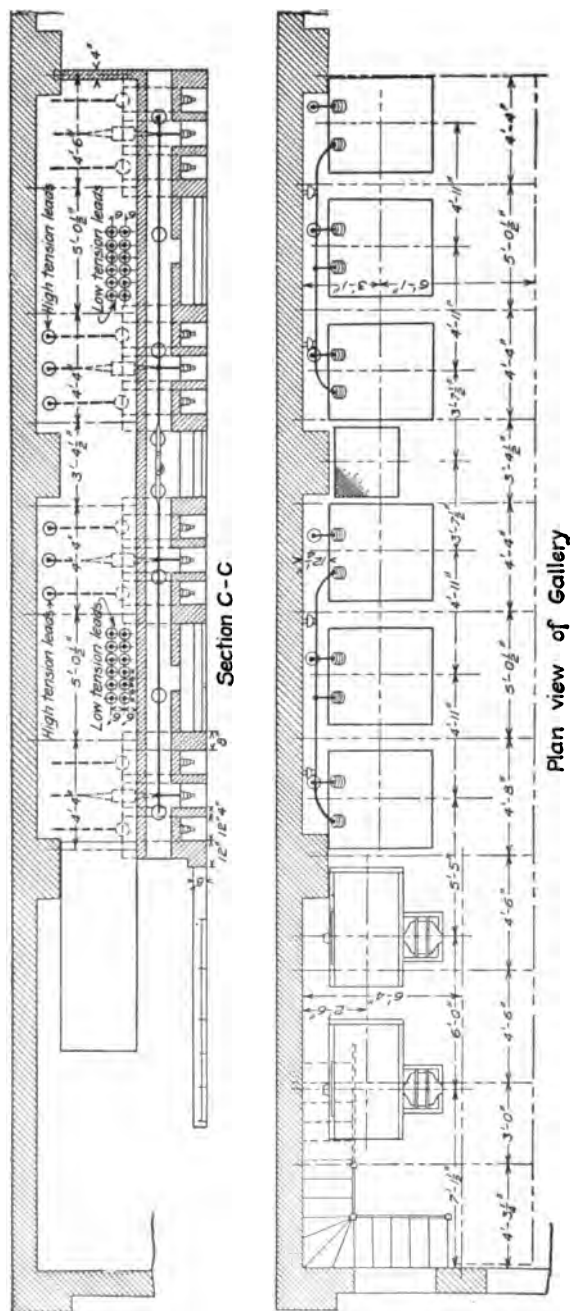


FIG. 281.—Plan of bus structure and of gallery floor of De Kalb Avenue Sub-station.

mechanism and shafting. Each oil switch set has its own operating board placed at its side and the operating shaft passes through openings in the cell walls. From the oil switches the cables are led through disconnecting switches to the 11,000-volt buses and from here they pass through another series of disconnecting and oil switches up to the air chamber and the transformers on the gallery. The transformers are air-cooled, 11,000 to 430-volt and 375-kw. rating each. Their high-tension side is star connected.

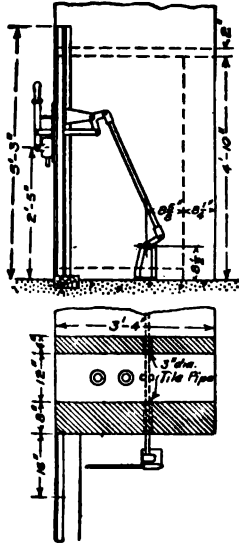


FIG. 282.—Detail of oil switch pipe mechanism.

The low-tension cables lead from the transformers to the starting panels which are located opposite each machine, whence they run in ducts through the machine foundations to the converters. The positive cables, and the negative and equalizer buses are contained in ducts and openings in the converter foundations, the former running from the manhole B to their d.c. panels while the negative cables lead from the same machine side to the main manhole A, to which the outgoing d.c. feeders are also led. On the gallery there are, besides the transformers, two blower sets, each driven by a 4-hp. induction motor at 350 volts and 750 rev. per min. Note the concrete blocks under the individual cells which serve as foundations for the walls supporting the gallery. All a.c. panels are set up between the oil-switch cells. The d.c. board on the other hand is in

line with the cells at the end of the row. The busbars are sectionalized and the bus compartment has rather large openings at the section points for operating the disconnecting switches.

Since all machines and apparatus are made in standard forms, it is often found convenient to standardize their arrangement in the station. This makes each station a concrete unit which may be dealt with as such. The equipment for a traction system sub-station might thus be given by a specification formula such, for instance, as follows:

One M-kw. type Q. converter 25-cycle.

Three $\frac{M}{8}$ -kw. type R. transformers.

One high-tension panel board type S.

One low-tension panel board type T.

One lightning arrester 3-phase type W.

Oil switches and cables.

Make up in brick compartments.

Take one station for each M miles of track.

Early sub-stations concentrated all switching equipment at one point to avoid running about and large sub-stations are still laid out in the same way, but modern small sub-station practice tends toward the distribution of the switchboard apparatus to the points most convenient for the connections, since the few steps from one switch to another are probably more beneficial than harmful, in that they give a hasty or nervous man a second or so to think between operations.

In the following figures, 284 to 291, there are shown a number of arrangements for traction system sub-stations for various high-tension values and kilowatt ratings of the machines, and for different types of transformers and oil switches. These plans were prepared by the General Electric Company, and are intended to give the normal arrangements for the particular kind of service for which they are designed. It is assumed in all cases that there is sufficient floor space available.

In most of these stations the high-tension panels are located in front of the transformers and opposite their respective converters the low-tension a.c. starting switches are just alongside, on top of the reactive coils and the field breakup and equalizer switches (those next used in the normal course of starting) are mounted on the machine frames just across the operating passageway. Care should be taken to get the field breakup, equalizing and series shunt switches on the side of the converter frame toward the switchboard,

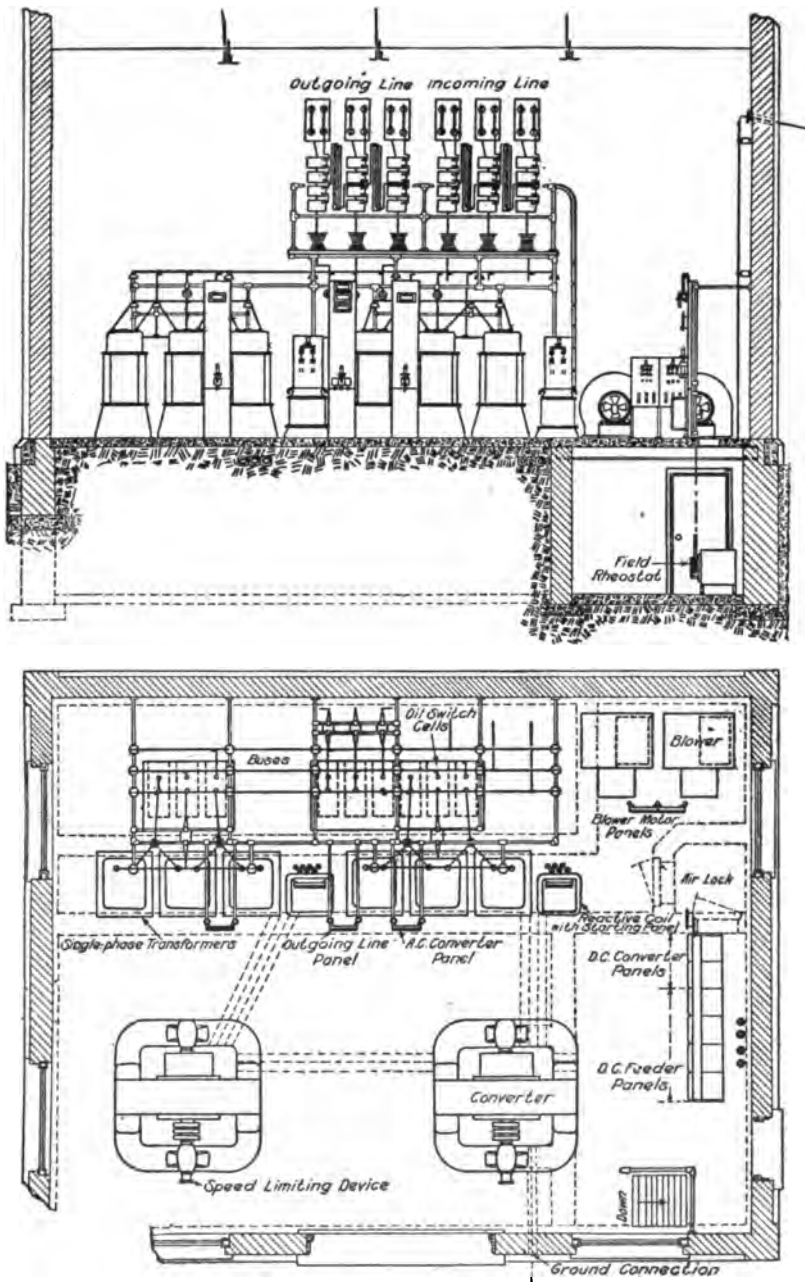


FIG. 284.—Plan and elevation of a standard converter sub-station for 13,200 volts, with 300-kw. machines and single-phase air-blast transformer.

so that the position of the equalizer switch, etc., can be seen when paralleling machines. The d.c. voltmeter should also be visible from the position of any equalizer switch. The blowers are located at the switchboard end so that if shut down by the shutting down

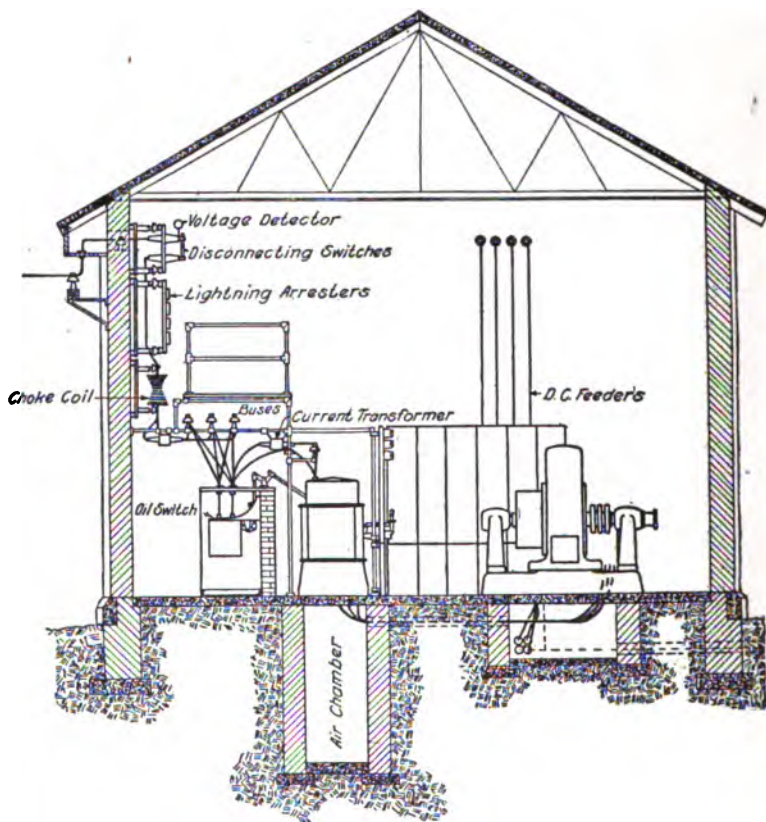


FIG. 285.—Cross section of station shown in Fig. 284.

of one transformer bank, the absence of their hum will be noticeable.

Figs. 284 and 285 installed at present:

Two 300-kw. 3-phase synchronous converters, 25-cycle.

Six 110-kw. single-phase, air-blast transformers, $\frac{1}{2} \frac{200}{200}$ volts, Δ connected.

Two blower sets (motor operated).

Two reactance coils with starting panels.

Three alternating-current high-tension panels: 2 machines, 1 outgoing feeder.

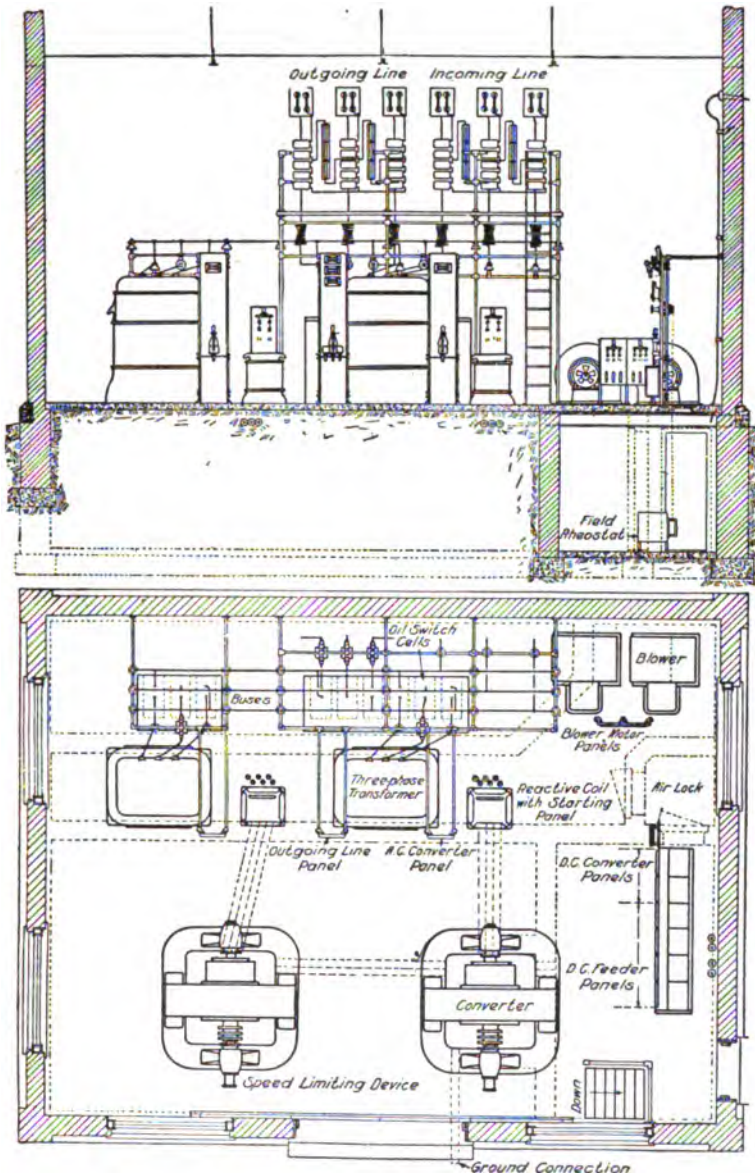


FIG. 286.—Plan and elevation of a standard converter sub-station for 13,200 volts, with 300-kw. machines and three-phase air-blast transformer.

Two alternating-current low-tension panels: 2 induction motors for blowers.

Six direct-current low-tension: 2 machines, 4 feeders.

Two lightning arresters: 3-phase for Δ circuit, multigap, multiplex.

Six reactance coils.

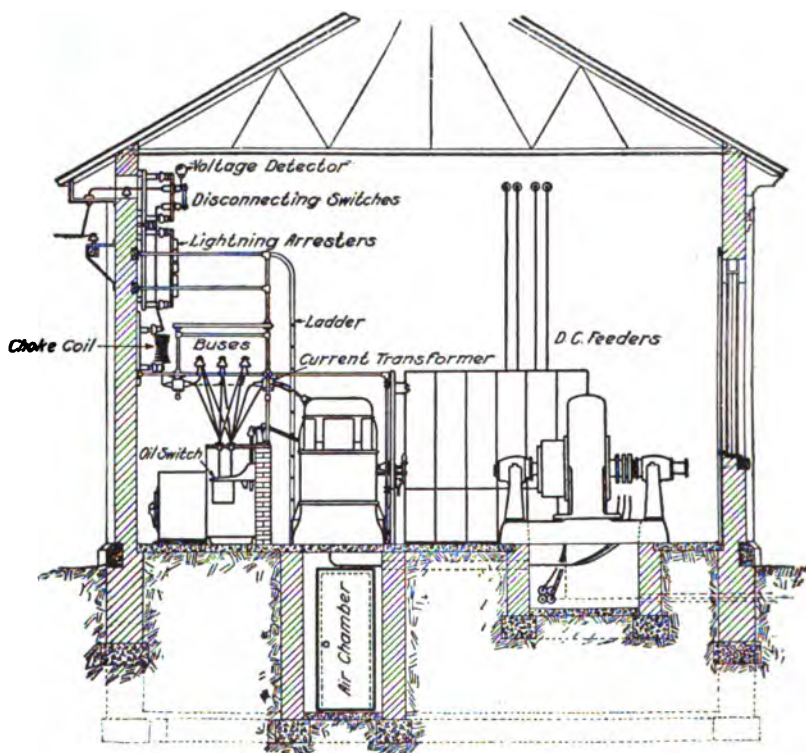


FIG. 287.—Cross section of station shown in Fig. 286.

Nine hand-operated oil switches, K₂ or K₄ type, S. P. S. T. in cells.

High-tension buses and insulator supports.

Brickwork for cells, air chamber, machine and basement foundation.

Tile ducts for low-tension a.c., for equalizer, negative and ground connection cables.

Wall outlets for overhead high- and low-tension lines.

Gallery for lightning arresters.

Frame support for high-tension buses and panels.

Cables.

Space is provided for another oil switch set for a second outgoing feeder or for eventual use of oil switches for the incoming feeder. The building can be extended to the left without interrupting the service.

Figs. 286 and 287. At present installed.

Two 3-phase, 25-cycle, 300-kw. synchronous converters.

Two 330-kw., 3-phase, air-blast transformers $1\frac{3}{4}\frac{200}{700}$ volts Δ connected.

Two blower sets (motor operated).

Two reactance coils with starting panel.

Three alternating-current high-tension panels: 2 machines, 1 outgoing feeder.

Two alternating-current low-tension panels: 2 induction motors for blowers.

Six direct-current panels: 2 machines, 4 feeders.

Two lightning arresters: 3-phase for Δ circuits, multigap, multiplex.

Six reactance coils.

Nine hand-operated oil switches, K₂ and K₄ type S.P. S. T. in cells.

High-tension buses and insulator supports.

Brickwork for cells, air chambers, machine foundations and basement.

Tile ducts for low-tension alternating current, for equalizer, negative and ground connection cables.

Wall outlets for overhead high-tension and low-tension lines.

Gallery for lightning arresters.

Frame support for high-tension buses and panels.

Cables.

Space is provided for another oil switch set for a second outgoing feeder or for eventual use of oil switches for the incoming feeder. The building can be extended to the left without interruption of service.

For a similar station with oil-cooled transformers the equipment is as follows:

Two 3-phase, 25-cycle, 300-kw. synchronous converters.

Six single-phase, 110-kw. oil-cooled transformers, $1\frac{3}{4}\frac{200}{2300}$ volts, Δ connected.

Two reactance coils with starting panel.

Three alternating-current high-tension panels: 2 machines, 1 feeder.

Six direct-current low-tension panels: 2 machines, 4 feeders.

Lightning arresters: 3-phase for Δ circuit, multigap, multiplex.

Six reactance coils.

Nine hand-operated oil switches, K2 or K4 type, S. P. S. T. in cells.

High-tension buses and insulator supports.

Brickwork for cells and machine foundations.

Tile ducts for low-tension direct-current equalizer, negative and ground-connection cables.

Wall outlets for overhead high-tension and low-tension lines.

Gallery for lightning arresters.

Frame support for high-tension buses and panels.

Cables.

Figs. 288 and 289.

Three 6-phase, 25-cycle 500-kw. synchronous converters.

Nine single-phase, 185-kw. air-blast transformers, $\frac{33000}{2300}$ volts,

Δ connected.

Two blower sets (motor operated).

Three reactance coils with starting panels.

Seven alternating-current high-tension panels: 3 machines, 2 outgoing and 2 incoming feeders.

Two alternating-current low-tension panels: 2 induction motors for blowers.

Nine direct-current low-tension panels: 3 machines, 6 feeders.

Four lightning arresters: 3-phase for Δ circuits, multigap, multiplex.

Twelve reactance coils.

Twenty-one hand-operated oil switches, K6 type, S. P. S. T. in cells.

High-tension buses and insulator supports.

Brickwork for cells, air chambers, machine foundations and basement.

Tile ducts for low-tension a.c. cables.

Wall outlets for high tension and low-tension lines.

Railing and frame support for insulators and high-tension buses and panels.

Cables.

Note the separate compartments for the lightning arresters.

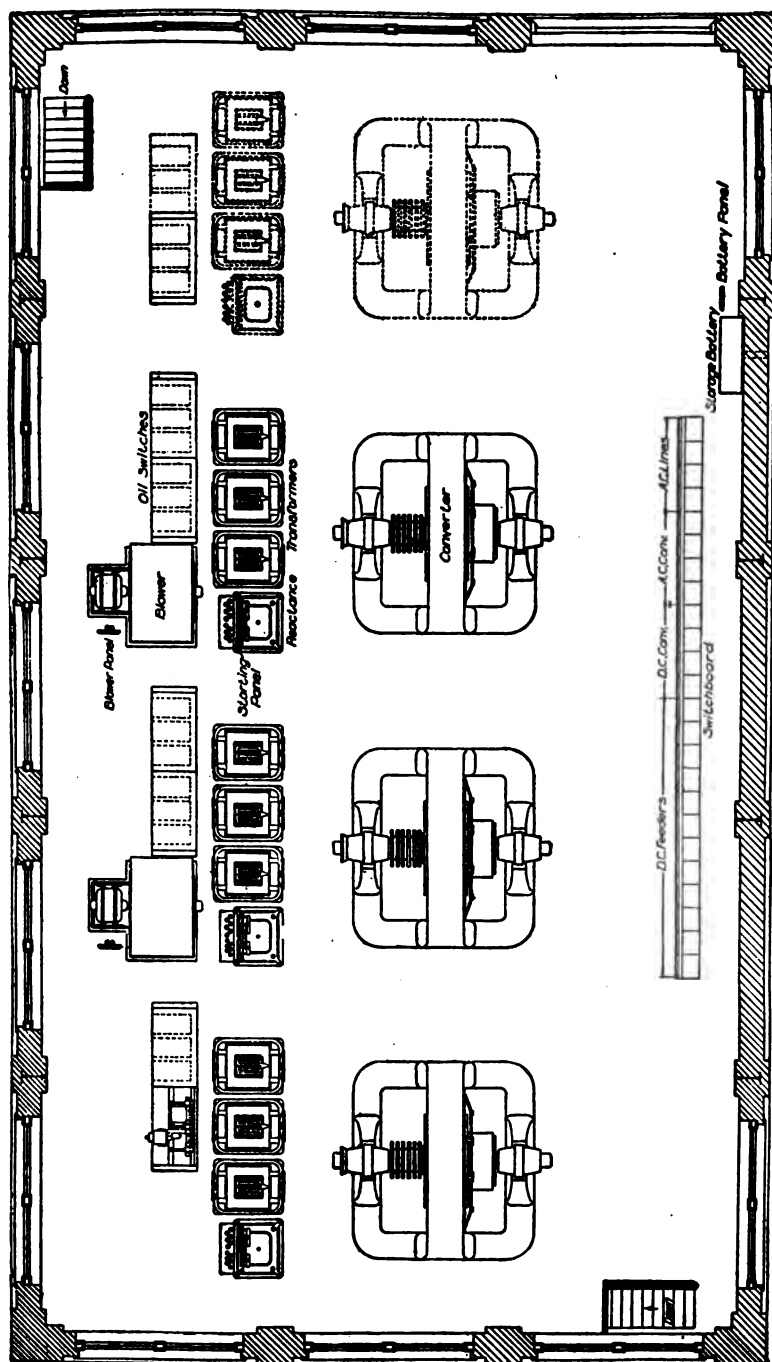


FIG. 290.—Plan of a standard converter sub-station for 13,200 volts with 1000-kw. machines and single-phase air-blast transformers.

The building may be extended to the left with little trouble.
Figs. 290 and 291.

	Present equipment	Room for future addition
Six-phase, 25-cycle, 1000-kw. converters.	3	1
Single-phase 375-kw. air-blast trans- formers, $\frac{1}{2} \frac{8200}{800}$ volts, Δ connected....	9	3
Blower sets (motor operated).....	2	1
Reactance coils with starting panels....	3	1
Alternating-current high-tension panels, 3 machines, 4 feeders.....	7 and 1 blank for	1
Alternating-current low-tension panels, 2 induction motors for blowers.....	2	1
Direct-current low-tension panels, 3 machines, 12 feeders.....	15 and 1 blank for	1
Motor-operated H ₃ oil switches in cells each 3-S. P. S. T.....	7	1
High-tension bus and insular supports.		

Static dischargers for the underground transmission line.

Brickwork for cells, compartments, air chambers, machine founda-
tions and basement.

Tile ducts for high-tension and low-tension feeders.

Frame supports for switchboard and insulators.

Cables.

Storage battery for motors on H₃ switch (with panels).

Space and foundations are provided for installing a fourth con-
verter with accessories. The building may be extended in either
direction.

PORTABLE SUB-STATIONS

One of the chief reasons why portable sub-stations have won favor
with some railroads, beside their regular use in handling centralized
loads in time of special traffic, is that of utility during construction
and extension periods before the time of completion of the regular
station. Again, the normal load on a sub-station can be carried
by one rotary converter unit, and frequently no reserve equipment
is provided in the sub-station for use in case of accident or for supply-
ing abnormal current demands. To meet these conditions a tem-
porary sub-station must be installed. The portable sub-station

therefore ensures continuity of power-supply with a minimum investment in permanent sub-stations. On a line which is heavily loaded only on special days or seasons, the portable outfit saves a large investment in copper and sub-station equipment and also provides additional power at any point where the traffic may be abnormally heavy temporarily.

Portable sub-station apparatus consists generally of a standard rotary converter equipment interchangeable with that used in the

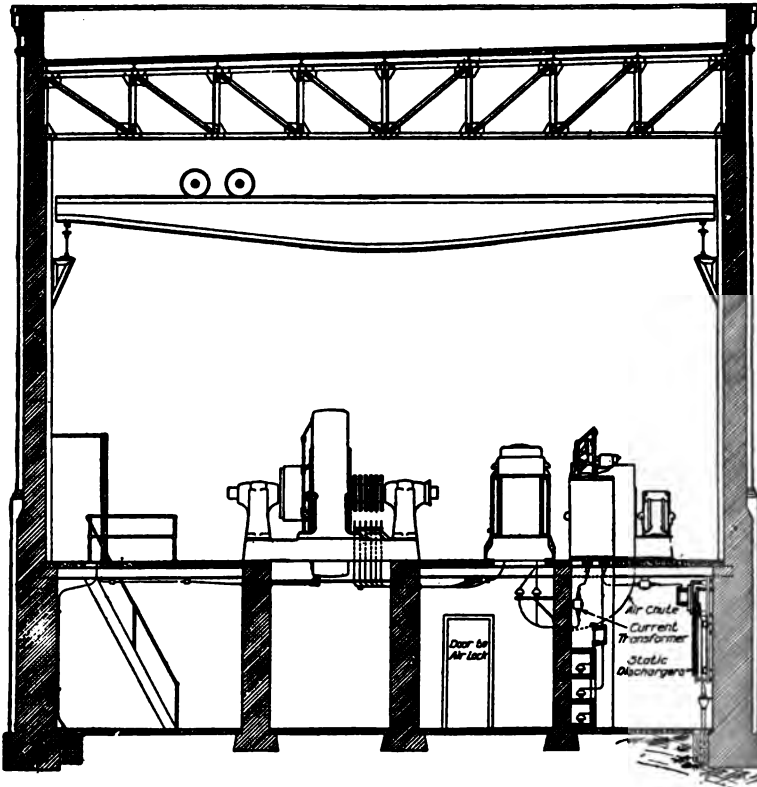


FIG. 291.—Cross section of station shown in Fig. 290.

permanent sub-stations. Special conditions may make motor-generators more desirable in certain cases. The car bodies may be constructed of wood or steel. The chief objection to the wooden car is the possibility of fire either from the outside or from electrical disturbances in the interior.

Under the description of the Long Island R. R. system two such

stations were mentioned which are used during the racing season at Belmont Park and at the Metropolitan Race Track. Each of these stations is equipped with a 1000-kw. converter which is identical with those used in the regular stations, and with three 375-kw. air-blast transformers with the accompanying ventilator equipment and auxiliary apparatus. Fig. 292 shows the arrangement of this apparatus in the car. The floor of the car is of very strong steel construction while the sides and roof are made as light as possible. The converter is set up in the end of the car, and this part can easily be taken apart so that the machine may be dismantled or removed if necessary. At the other end there are the three symmetrically arranged transformers. They are easily removable, and can be lifted through the roof of the car by the traveling cranes of any of the sub-stations. They are mounted on a raised chamber which is supplied with air from the blower. The latter delivers 4500 cubic feet of air per minute at a pressure of 1 oz. It is driven by a three-phase 3-hp. 400-volt induction motor which is supplied from the a.c. board from the low-tension side of the transformers.

The high-tension lines come into the car through three inlets on the high-tension side. They are first led to an oil switch (type C. Westinghouse, 600 amp.) enclosed in a yellow pressed brick cell, whence they run along the roof of the car to the delta connection on the high-tension side of the transformers. The space between the oil-switch cells and the transformers is accessible through doors in the side of the car. There are three switchboards in the car. The first is provided with several switches making possible four combinations of voltage from the low-tension side of the transformers, and the second and third are the a.c. and the d.c. boards. The converter is started by an induction motor. The induction motor section also contains the switchboards and is accessible through doors. The d.c. feeders leave the car on one side near the d.c. side of the machine. When in service these cars are housed in specially constructed sheds where they are connected up with the high-tension line. The necessary lightning arresters are therefore installed in the towers of these sheds, the arrangement being similar to that described above for lightning arrester houses.

Direct current for operating the oil-switch solenoids is drawn directly from the third rail, and the solenoids must therefore be wound for 500 volts. Note the method of mounting the shunt transformers on either side of the oil switch and of the series transformer on the roof of the car. All cables in the car are laid under

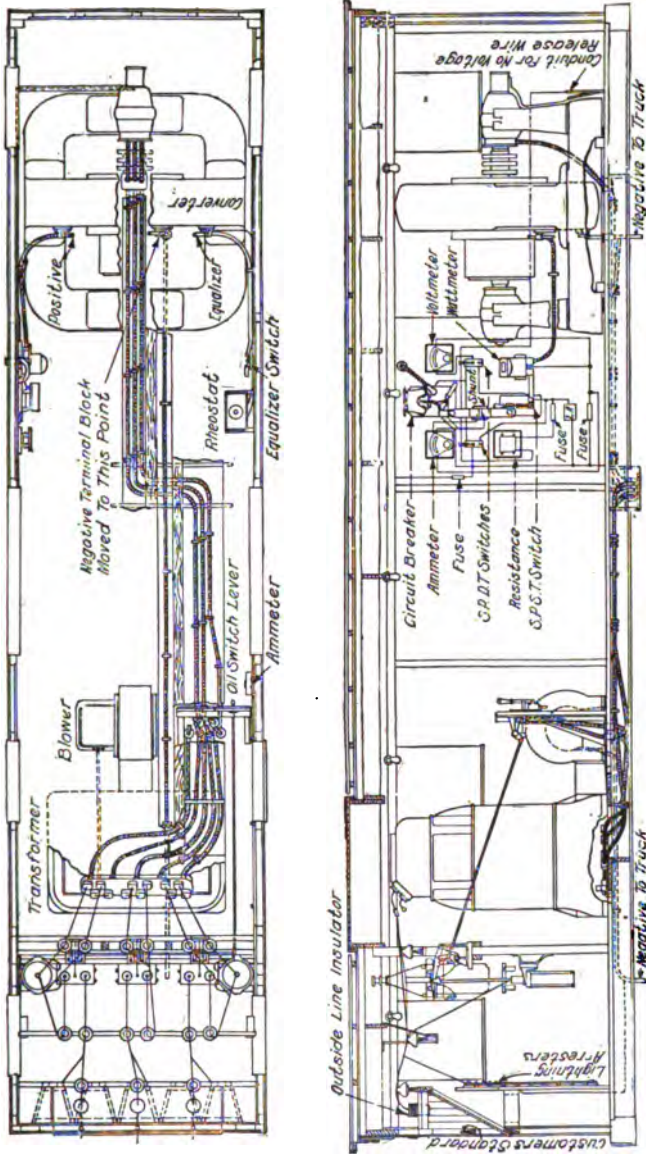


FIG. 293.—Plan and elevation of a portable sub-station with 400-kw. converter and a three-phase, 25-cycle, 11000—370 volts air-blast transformer.

the machines and transformers. The control and operation of the machines are exactly the same as in all of the other sub-stations of the system.

In order to secure a rigid base for the machines when in service, the car is lifted off its trucks and springs. The car alone weighs 49,000 lb. and the weight of the equipment is 142,400 lb.

Figs. 293 and 294 show a portable sub-station equipped with General Electric machines and apparatus, used by the Cincinnati and Columbus Traction Company. The converter is a 400-kw., 3-phase, 25-cycle machine and delivers a 600-volt direct current. A three-phase air-blast transformer $\frac{1}{8} \frac{6500}{370}$ -volt-370-volt, delivers the necessary low-tension current for the converter. The latter is

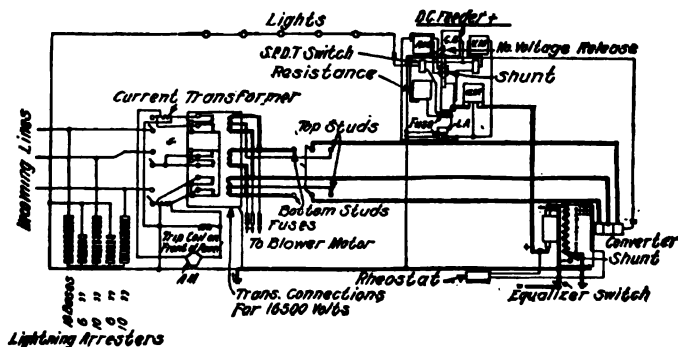


FIG. 294.—Wiring diagram of a portable sub-station.

started on the a.c. side through two double-throw switches, which at starting connect the machine to a low-voltage and when running to a 370-volt circuit. The machine and transformers are placed in opposite ends of the car in order to balance the weight as much as possible. A number of wooden blocks are fastened to the floor of the car and hold the cast-iron frame of the machine in place. The high-tension lines are brought in through inlets protected against rain, etc., and are led to the three single-pole oil switches which are mounted on wooden supports on one side of the car. These supports also carry the operating mechanism, which is actuated from the switchboard through a linkage system. The starting and control panels are placed side by side while all instruments for both the d.c. and a.c. sides are mounted on individual bases directly on the walls of the car. The negative machine terminals are directly connected with the steel work of the car. A disconnecting switch is provided

for connecting the negative side with the equalizer bus in case the car is used as a reserve station or is run in parallel with a stationary sub-station. The positive cables run from the circuit breaker through the side of the car to a terminal stud on the outside to facilitate connection to the third rail. Lightning arresters are provided near the inlet of the high-tension cables. The use of lightning arresters in wooden cars is not recommended on account of the fire risk. However, for voltages up to 13,200 volts the lightning arresters are small and can readily be housed in asbestos lumber compartments, or the car can be protected by lining that section of it with asbestos. There are a number of openings in the roof over the transformers so that these may be accessible for repairs or removal. In the middle of the car there are two doors and besides this there are a number of windows in the sides for illumination.

The approximate dimensions for cars with machines of different kilowatt ratings are given in the following table. The first three are those recommended by the General Electric Company, and the fourth is that used by the Long Island Railroad Company, where Westinghouse machines are employed:

Rating of converter		Length	Width	Height	Weight complete
Kw.	Volts	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	lbs.
300	and 13,200.....	36	7 6	8	76,500
500	and 33,000.....	40	8 9	9	97,000
500	and 60,000.....	50	8 6	9 3	150,000
(motor-generator)					
1,000	and 12,000.....	36 8	9 10	9	200,000

TRANSFORMER STATIONS

A distribution system for single-phase railway service with single-phase transmission is indicated in Fig. 295. The connections between the intermediate and terminal sub-stations are also shown. In the intermediate station the incoming and outgoing lines are connected to 22,000-volt transfer buses, which supply the auxiliary buses in the station. Both terminals on the high-tension side of the transformers are connected to the auxiliary bus, and one terminal on the low-tension side is grounded while the other is connected to the 2200-volt bus. The trolley wire is sectionalized in front of

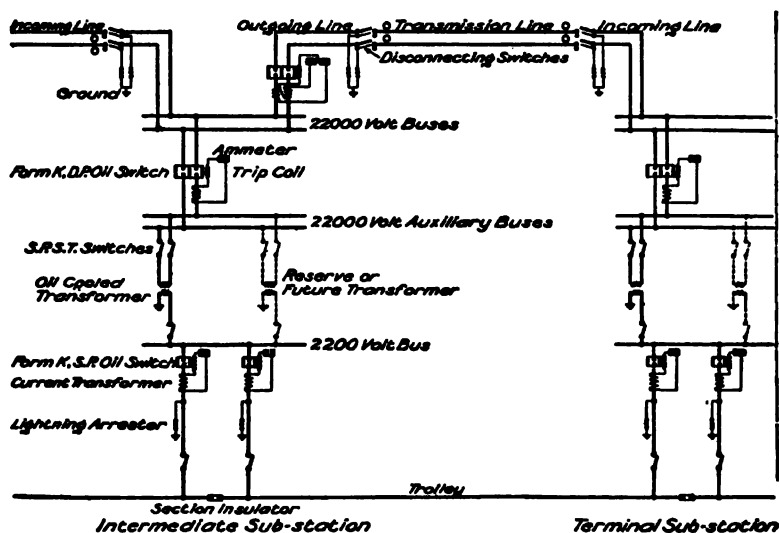


FIG. 295.—Distribution system for single-phase railway, single-phase transmission.

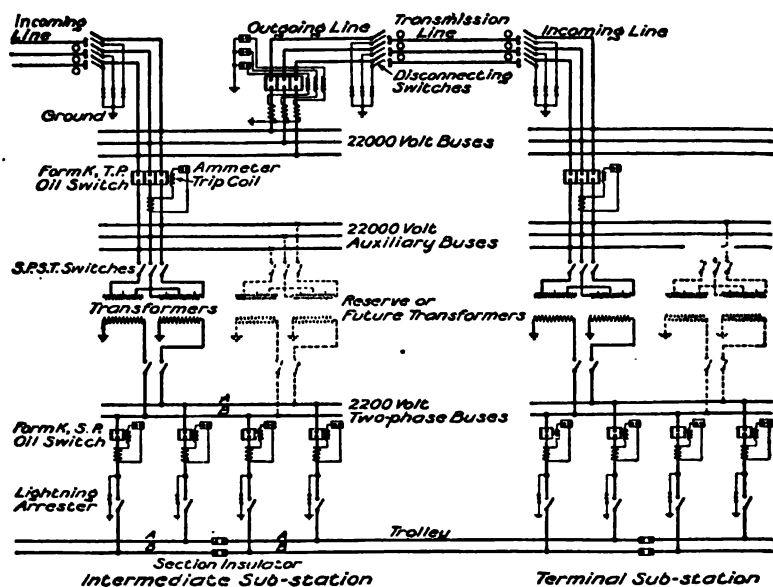


FIG. 296.—Distribution system for single-phase railway, three-phase transmission, double track,

both sub-stations and the immediate section is fed by both of the stations. The low-tension feeders have single-pole automatic oil switches, and the high-tension have double-pole switches. With the exception of the outgoing feeders the end station is identical with the intermediate stations. All incoming and outgoing feeders are protected by lightning arresters.

Fig. 296 shows the distribution for a single-phase railway system, with three-phase transmission, double track. The high-tension side is analogous to that shown in Fig. 295 with the exception that there are banks of two transformers connected three-phase-two-phase to supply the low-tension buses instead of one, as before. The two phases supply different sections of the two trolley lines, a given phase always feeding the same trolley. If only one trolley is used its sections are supplied alternately by both phases.

ROCHESTER DIVISION OF THE ERIE RAILROAD

An extract of Mr. W. N. Smith's paper published in *Street Railway Journal*.¹ This line was the first in this country to operate electric cars on a single-phase system, over the tracks of an operating steam railroad. Further, it was the first to use 11,000 volts' working pressure on a trolley, and the first instance of a single-phase traction system, receiving power from a 60,000-volt transmission line. The energy is supplied from the plant of the Ontario Power Company at Niagara Falls, at 60,000 volts' pressure, which is stepped down at the Avon sub-station to 11,000 volts' working pressure. Figs. 297, 298 and 299 are the plans and cross sections and wiring diagram of this sub-station.

The building is of brick resting on solid concrete foundations, the roof and floors being of reinforced concrete. The floors are supported upon steel beams but the roof beams are of reinforced concrete like the slabs which they support. The building is absolutely fire-proof, the doors and windows being of kalomein construction and fitted with wire glass. It is 39 ft. 8 in. by 44 ft. 00 in. outside and 29 ft. 10 in. high from the top of the foundations to the top of the parapet. In the basement are located one of the transformer oil tanks and the oil pump. The main floor is divided into three rooms, the main transformer room being 43 ft. by 17 ft. and extending the full height of the structure to allow room for the high-tension busbars which are

¹ "Single Phase Electric Motive Power on the Rochester Division of the Erie Railroad," by W. N. Smith. *Street Railway Journal*, Oct. 12, 1907.

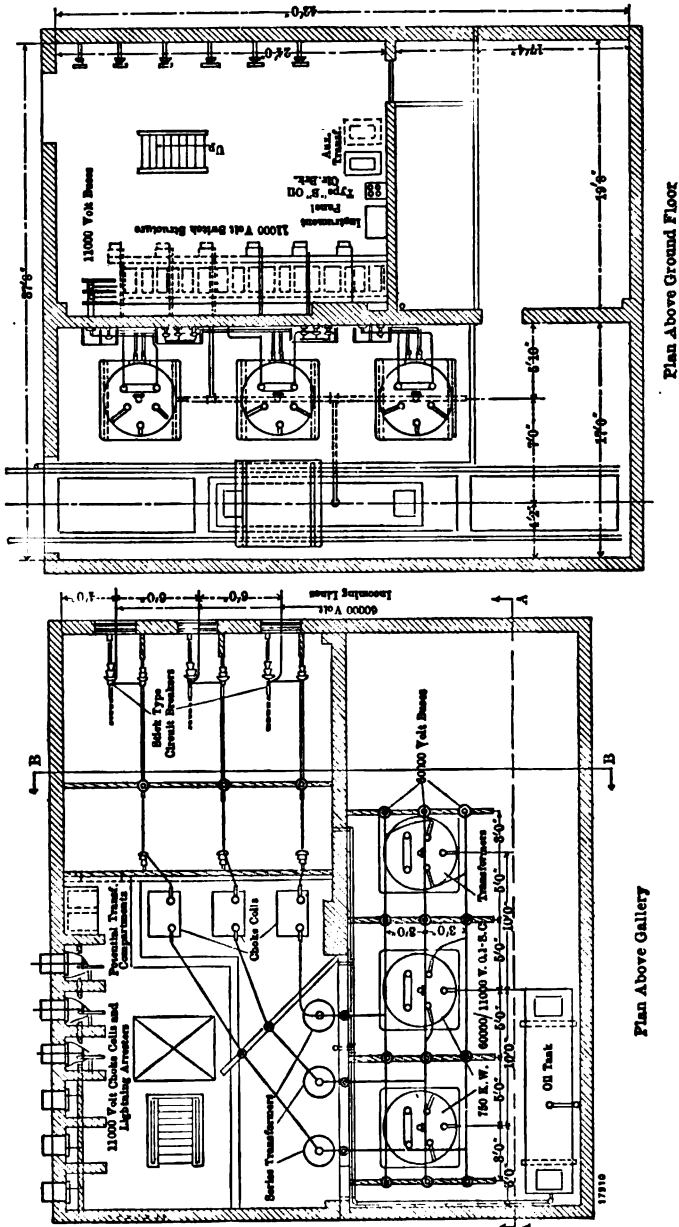
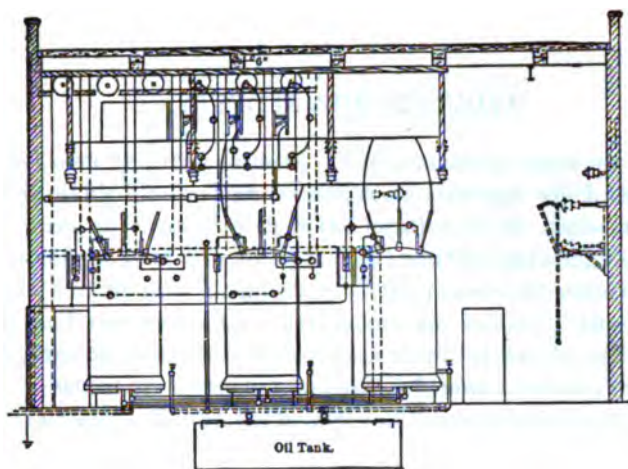
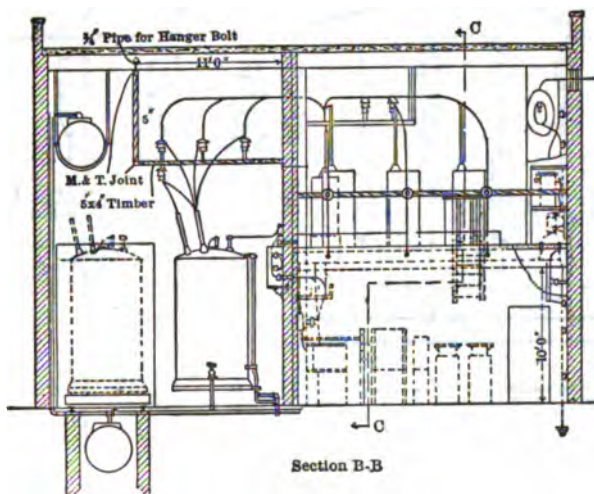


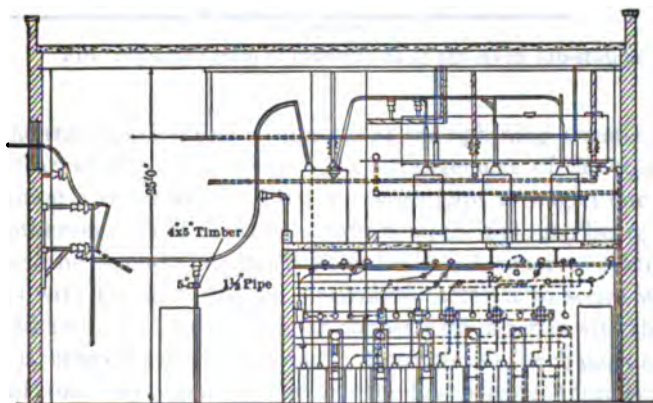
FIG. 297.—Plan of Avon sub-station.



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Section B-B



Section C-C

FIG. 298.—Plan and elevation of Avon sub-station. Digitized by Google
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carried over the transformers. The remaining space on the main floor is divided into a high-tension room (through which the 60,000-volt wires enter and which is the location of the high-tension circuit breakers, 16 ft. 8 in. by 19 ft. 8 in.) and the operating room which is 19 ft. 8 in. by 24 ft. 00 in. where all the 11,000-volt switching apparatus and the measuring instruments are located. Directly over the operating chamber is a mezzanine floor, reached by an iron staircase, in which are located 11,000-volt lightning arresters, the 60,000-volt reactance coils and the 60,000-volt series transformers.

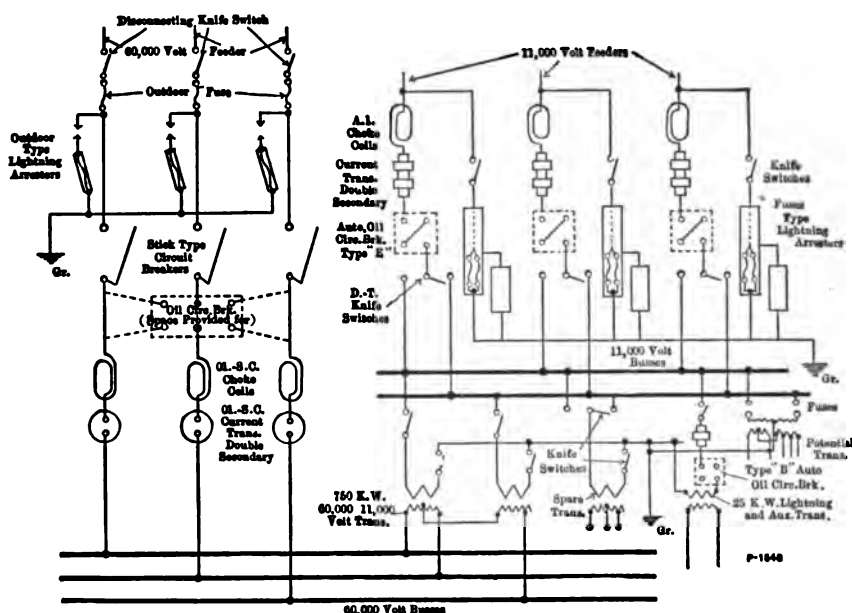


FIG. 299.—Diagram of connections of the Avon sub-station.

The transmission line terminates at the lightning arrester yard in the rear of the sub-station. The arrangement of the 60,000-volt lightning arrester consists of three horn gaps arranged one behind the other on each of the three conductors, the first gap being 4.75 in. across, the second 5 in. and the third 6 in. A concrete column is in series with the first gap, an electrolytic arrester in series with the second and a 5-ft. fuse of No. 18 copper wire in series with the third, that is, between horn and ground. Both horns of each gap are 1.5 in. round iron. Between the line and the first arrester there is a hook-

type knife switch, and between the last arrester and the lead going into the sub-station there is a No. 18 copper wire fuse in each conductor, placed horizontally. These fuses are enclosed in wooden tubes about 5 ft. long, wrapped with torpedo twine. The entire arrangement of lightning arrester gaps, fuses and switches is mounted upon 18 chestnut poles and a suitable elevated platform railed off and fitted with a gate to keep out trespassers.

The theory on which these arresters are installed is that for ordinary slight static disturbances in the line, the arrester having the lower striking e.m.f. will discharge, and since it has in series with it a comparatively high resistance, the resultant disturbance due to the current which follows the discharge will be comparatively slight. A more severe static disturbance causes the arrester having the lowest gap and the arrester having the next higher gap to discharge simultaneously, thus affording two paths to ground, the combined resistance and inductance of which are much lower than that of the first path. When both arresters discharge, the disturbing effect of the system, due to the generated current which follows, is much more severe than that in the first instance. For a direct lightning stroke on the line the three arresters would discharge simultaneously; the long, thin copper wire in the case of the arrester with the highest air-gap blowing and interrupting the arc upon it, and the disturbance of the circuit finally ending upon the other two arresters.

The three high-tension conductors enter the sub-station through glass disks held in 36-in. tile set in the upper portion of the rear wall of the sub-station. Within the sub-station the wires first pass to three 60,000-volt stick-type circuit breakers mounted directly inside of the rear wall. Thence they run over bare copper conductors to the three oil-insulated reactance coils situated on the mezzanine floor, thence through three oil-insulated series transformers, also on the mezzanine floor, and finally through a wide opening in the division wall to the 60,000-volt busbar in the transformer room. The busbars are mounted upon porcelain insulators on wooden cross-arms at a convenient height over the transformers.

The transformers are of the Westinghouse oil-insulated, water-cooled type, each of 750 kw. For the present installation two only are used, the third and middle one being the spare. The high-tension connections are such that in case of one transformer failing while in service, its connection can quickly be taken off of the busbars and put on the spare transformer. The transformer windings are fitted with taps enabling the three-phase-two-phase "Scott con-

nection" to be used. The low-tension windings can be so connected that 11,000 or 22,000 volts can be obtained, the latter to be used in case another sub-station for a 40 or 50-mile extension is added. The low-tension windings also have six taps enabling small variations in the secondary voltage. One end of each low-tension winding is directly grounded to the boiler iron case which in turn is directly connected to the track return circuit by means of a No. 4 copper-stranded cable. The transformer cases are made of boiler iron and are set on a square cast-iron base which is mounted on three pairs of wheels running upon an iron sub-base set in the concrete floor of the room. A track runs lengthwise across the room directly in front of the transformers. A transfer truck runs upon this, and on the top of the truck there is another set of small wheels which line up with those on which the transformer cases are set.

Two cylindrical boiler-iron oil tanks are provided. One is located in the basement directly under the transformer room so that the oil from the transformer can readily be drained into it and the other is suspended from the concrete roof beams at the top of the transformer room, close to the side wall of the building. This is intended to act as a reservoir for distributing oil back into the transformers. The oil is pumped from the lower to the upper tank by means of a steam pump supplied from the boiler room in the adjacent division round-house where steam is always available.

The water circulation is by gravity, the supply coming from the railroad company's water tank system. There are three separate water-cooled coils in each transformer case, each one controlled by its own valve.

The low-tension busbars run along the division wall of the operating room and directly beneath them are three type E Westinghouse automatic oil switches, one on each of the two trolley feeders, the third or middle one being the spare. One pole of each of the three oil switches is connected to the center pole of a double-throw hook type switch by means of which it is thrown upon either busbar. The other pole of the oil switch runs directly to the feeder. The outgoing lead from the middle or spare oil switch can instantly be thrown upon either one of the feeders should the oil switch controlling that feeder be temporarily disabled. The outgoing 11,000-volt feeders run up to the mezzanine floor directly over the operating room where they emerge from the building through perforated glass disks set in 18-in. round tiles. Before emerging there are tapped to them two Westinghouse low-equivalent lightning arresters set in brick com-

partments and reinforced by two electrolytic lightning arresters of the 11,000-volt type.

A set of call bells is provided so that when the oil switch is open a bell is rung in the car inspection shop adjoining. Also, if the temperature of any transformer runs above normal a bell circuit connected to the thermometers in the top of the transformer tank is similarly made to operate. The station itself does not require the continuous presence of an attendant. The working force is so organized that the car repair men are always available for manipulating the sub-station oil switches.

On the mezzanine floor there is room for an oil switch eventually to be installed for the 60,000-volt incoming line. There is also space for a fourth transformer and for a number of type E oil switches.

WINDSOR, ESSEX AND LAKE SHORE RAPID RAILWAY

In Fig. 300 there are shown the wiring diagrams of the central and sub-stations of the above system which employs 6600 volts' pressure in the overhead trolley.

The central station is equipped with two generators of 500 kw. 25-cycle, single-phase, three-wire, fly-wheel type. The windings of these generators are such that from the terminals there may be obtained current at 13,200 volts' pressure and also at 6600 volts. The two windings may be used in series for obtaining these two voltages or may be connected in parallel for obtaining the full rating of the machine at 6600 volts. One of the three terminals of each machine is grounded. The exciting current for each generator is furnished by a 30-kw., 125-volt belted generator, the field current of which is varied by a Tirrill regulator to obtain smooth voltage regulation for the units.

Energy is supplied to two buses in the central, one at 13,200 volts which feeds the sub-station, and one at 6600 volts which feeds directly a section of the trolley line. The 13,200-volt single-wire transmission line feeds a 300-kw. auto-transformer in the sub-station, which in turn supplies the other section of the trolley wire at 6600 volts. The station is equipped with the necessary oil switches for the supply to the buses and the two outgoing feeders. The sub-station contains only the auto-transformer and the necessary lightning arresters and reactance coils. The switchboard for regulating and controlling the output of the generating station comprises five panels, one exciter, two machines, one 6600-volt feeder and one 13,200-volt feeder. En-

Fig. 300.—Wiring diagram of power house and sub-station of the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway.

THE SPOKANE INLAND RAILROAD COMPANY

The Inland Empire System of this railroad operates with energy purchased from the Washington Water Power Company. The output of this company's plant is delivered at 60 cycles, three-phase

and 4000 volts. In the purchase of the energy the charges are based upon the maximum demand during each month and for this reason it became very desirable to employ some means to flatten the railway load curve as well as it was necessary on account of the motor characteristics to change the frequency from 60 to 25 cycles before feeding the energy to the railway transmission line. The problem was solved by combining phase-changing induction motor-generator sets on the same shafts with direct-current railway machines which utilize a large storage battery as a fly-wheel. (See also Chapter V, storage batteries for a.c. systems.)

The station equipment consists of four main units each made up of three machines. In each set a 1000-hp. induction motor takes three-phase 60-cycle current at 4000 volts from the incoming Washington Water Power lines. The machine is mounted on one end of a shaft in the middle of which is a 1000-kw. single-phase 2200-volt 25-cycle generator and at the other end of which is a d.c. machine rated at 1100 amperes and 550 volts. These three machines of Westinghouse manufacture operate at 550 rev. per min. When the load on the generator is light the d.c. machine runs as a generator and charges a 275-cell storage battery and when the load is heavy the d.c. machine runs as a motor taking current from the battery and assisting the three-phase induction motor in driving the single-phase generator. The single-phase generator has a somewhat larger power than the three-phase induction motor, the idea being that the three-phase motor in connection with the d.c. machine will take nearly as full power from the line under a large variation of the single-phase load. At times when the single-phase load is excessive, the d.c. machine-taking current from the battery makes up the deficiency. By this method a more uniform load from the three-phase line is had. The periods of light load are thus diminished and the peak of heavy load materially flattened. These machines are mounted on a common bed plate, each machine having its own pair of bearings and all being connected by fixed couplings.

The station equipment also includes two battery boosters of 960 amp. rating and three 50-kw. exciter sets for the single-phase generators. These exciters are driven by 75-hp. Westinghouse motors taking three-phase current at 125 volts pressure.

The feed lines from the Washington Water Power plant enter the station on a gallery and pass to a hand-operated disconnecting oil switch and then through reactance coils, instrument transformers

and down through the gallery floor to a busbar set. From this power bus, leads pass to the two Westinghouse type C oil switches, having remote control and located on the gallery floor. These switches admit of flexibility in feeding two sets of 4000-volt busbars at the back of the switchboard on the main floor. The motors of the phase-changing sets can be operated from either set of busbars. The oil switches for the motors are type F Westinghouse, from which energy is fed through starting resistance in the secondaries and rheostatic controllers to the induction motors.

The battery across which the d.c. machines are connected is made up of 275 chloride cells type R-33, having a discharge rate

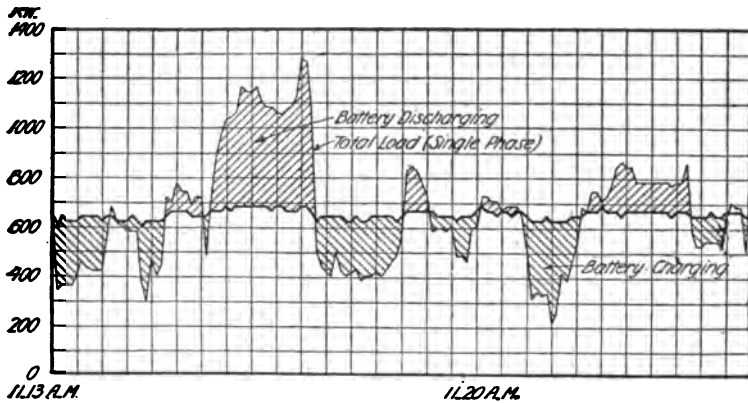


FIG. 301.—Power curve showing smoothing effect of storage battery in the Spokane and Island Railway System.

of 2880 amp. furnished by the Electric Storage Battery Company. Fig. 301 gives an idea of the effect which the battery has on the supply line load. The single-phase railway load is very irregular while the three-phase supply line load is comparatively smooth. Regulation of the battery booster is controlled by a carbon regulator operated by changes of current in the three-phase supply line. Small changes in the current in this line cause the battery to charge from or discharge to the d.c. machine and thus keep the power supply load curve flat.

A 30-panel switchboard from which all the equipment and the battery are controlled is located in front of the gallery on the main floor. On the panels for the 750-hp. d.c. machines starting switches are provided for taking current from the battery for starting and thus not putting the large units on to the three-phase 4000-volt

supply line until the machine is up to speed. The single-phase 25-cycle generators are controlled by Tirrill regulators. For synchronizing a synchroscope having an illuminated dial with an illuminated pointer is mounted on a pedestal in front of the switch-board.

The step-up transformers for raising the single-phase 25-cycle current from the generator pressure of 2200 volts to line pressure of 45,000 volts are mounted on cars made of structural iron shapes which stand in brick compartments. These compartments are provided with rails set in the concrete floor and in front of the row of compartments is a track running to a cross track by which the transformers can be taken to the end of the transformer room. The transformer car runs from the transfer car to the short track leading under the crane at the end of the station. From each one of the five 1250-kw., 2200 to 45,000-volt single-phase, step-up, oil-insulated, water-cooled transformers two leads pass to the gallery floor above to 60,000-volt type L Westinghouse oil switches and then through reactance coils and hand-operated disconnecting switches to the transmission line.

The local trolley section is fed from the phase-changing station through a 6600-volt panel on the station switchboard supplied by three 375-kw. 2200- to 6600-volt transformers.

When this system will be completed, there will be fifteen transformer sub-stations located 10 miles apart. The equipment of each includes: Three 375-kw. oil-insulated transformers connected in parallel and fed through one hand-operated 60,000-volt oil switch provided with automatic release. Lightning arresters are placed on both high- and low-tension sides of the transformers and 6600-volt oil switches serve to disconnect the transformers from the trolley.

APPENDIX

TABLE 1.—CARRYING CAPACITY OF BARE AND INSULATED WIRE
(Amperes)

Size, B. & S. gauge	National elec- tric code		Insu- lated wires in mold- ings, Ken- nelly's rule	Bare wire in still air, temp. rise 50° F.	Size cir. mils	National elec- tric code		Insu- lated wires in mold- ings, Ken- nelly's rule	Bare wire in still air, temp. rise 50° F.
	A rub- ber	B weather- proof				A rub- ber	B weather- proof		
Solid									
18	3	5	4.5	6.0	300,000	270	400	281	373
17			5.4	7.2	400,000	330	500	349	463
16	6	8	6.4	8.5	500,000	390	590	413	549
15			7.6	10.2	600,000	450	680	474	631
14	12	16	9.1	12.1	700,000	500	760	532	708
13			10.8	14.4	800,000	550	840	587	781
12	17	23	12.9	17.1	900,000	600	920	641	852
11			15.3	20.4	1,000,000	650	1,000	694	922
10	24	32	18.3	24.3	1,100,000	690	1,080	746	991
9			21.6	28.7	1,200,000	730	1,150	797	1,058
Strand					1,300,000	770	1,220	846	1,123
8	33	46	31.3	41.5	1,400,000	810	1,290	894	1,187
7			37.3	49.5	1,500,000	850	1,360	942	1,250
6	46	65	44.3	58.8	1,600,000	890	1,430	989	1,312
5	54	77	52.5	69.7	1,700,000	930	1,490	1,035	1,373
4	65	92	62.7	83.3	1,800,000	970	1,550	1,080	1,433
3	76	110	74.4	98.8	1,900,000	1,010	1,610	1,125	1,492
2	90	113	88.6	117.6	2,000,000	1,050	1,670	1,169	1,550
1	107	156	105.4	140.0					
0	127	185	127.8	169.8					
00	150	220	151.7	201.5					
000	177	262	180.8	240.2					
0000	210	312	215.2	286.0					

The values in the 4th columns are such that twice the current given will cause a rise in temperature of 36° F.

TABLE II.—RECOMMENDED CURRENT CARRYING CAPACITIES
FOR CABLES AND WATTS LOST PER FOOT

For each of four equally loaded paper-insulated lead-covered cables installed in adjacent ducts in the usual type of conduit system where the initial temperature does not exceed 70° F., the maximum safe temperature for continuous operation being taken at 150° F.

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Size, B. & S. gage	Safe current in amp.	Watts ¹ lost per foot at 150° F.	Size, cir. mils	Safe current in amp.	Watts ¹ lost per foot at 150° F.
14	18	0.97	300,000	323	4.22
13	21	1.03	400,000	390	4.61
12	24	1.09	500,000	450	4.91
11	29	1.15	600,000	505	5.16
10	33	1.25	700,000	558	5.36
9	38	1.39	800,000	607	5.56
8	45	1.53	900,000	650	5.71
7	53	1.67	1,000,000	695	5.86
6	64	1.85	1,100,000	740	6.01
5	76	2.08	1,200,000	780	6.13
4	91	2.31	1,300,000	820	6.25
3	108	2.54	1,400,000	857	6.37
2	125	2.77	1,500,000	895	6.49
1	146	3.00	1,600,000	933	6.61
0	168	3.23	1,700,000	970	6.73
00	195	3.46	1,800,000	1,010	6.85
000	225	3.69	1,900,000	1,045	6.97
0000	260	3.92	2,000,000	1,085	7.09

TABLE III.—RECOMMENDED POWER CARRYING CAPACITY IN
KILOWATTS DELIVERED

THREE-CONDUCTOR, THREE-PHASE CABLES

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Size B. & S. gage and cir. mils	1,100 V	2,200 V	3,300 V	4,000 V	6,600 V	11,000 V	13,200 V	22,000 V
	Kilowatts							
6	92	183	275	333	549	915	1,098	1,831
5	104	217	326	395	652	1,087	1,304	2,174
4	130	260	390	473	781	1,301	1,562	2,603
3	154	309	463	562	927	1,544	1,854	3,089
2	179	358	536	650	1,073	1,788	2,145	3,575
1	209	418	626	759	1,253	2,088	2,506	4,176
0	240	481	721	874	1,442	2,402	2,884	4,805
00	279	558	836	1,014	1,674	2,788	3,347	5,577
000	322	644	965	1,172	1,931	3,217	3,862	6,435
0000	372	744	1,115	1,352	2,231	3,717	4,462	7,435
250,000	413	827	1,240	1,503	2,480	4,132	4,960	8,264

SINGLE-CONDUCTOR CABLES, A. C. OR D. C.

Size, B. & S. gage and cir. mils	125 V	250 V	500 V	1,100 V	2,200 V	3,300 V	6,600 V	11,000 V
	Kilowatts							
6	8.0	16.0	32	70	141	211	422	704
5	9.5	19.0	38	84	167	251	502	836
4	11.4	22.8	45	100	200	300	601	1,001
3	13.5	27.0	54	119	238	356	713	1,188
2	15.6	31.2	62	138	275	413	825	1,375
1	18.3	36.5	73	161	321	482	964	1,606
0	21.0	42.0	84	185	370	554	1,104	1,848
00	24.4	48.8	97	215	429	644	1,287	2,145
000	28.1	56.3	113	248	495	743	1,485	2,475
0000	32.5	65.0	130	286	572	858	1,716	2,860
300,000	40.5	80.8	162	355	711	1,066	2,132	3,553
400,000	48.8	97.5	195	429	858	1,287	2,574	4,290
500,000	56.3	112.5	225	495	990	1,485	2,970	4,950
600,000	63.1	126.3	253	556	1,111	1,667	3,333	5,555
700,000	69.8	139.5	279	614	1,228	1,841	3,683	6,138
800,000	75.9	151.8	304	668	1,335	2,003	4,006	6,677
900,000	81.3	162.5	325	715	1,430	2,145	4,290	7,150
1,000,000	86.9	173.8	348	764	1,529	2,294	4,587	7,645
1,100,000	92.5	185.0	370	814	1,628	2,442	4,884	8,140
1,200,000	97.5	195.0	390	858	1,716	2,574	5,148	8,580
1,400,000	107.1	214.3	429	943	1,885	2,828	5,656	9,427
1,500,000	111.9	223.8	448	985	1,969	2,954	5,907	9,845
1,600,000	116.6	233.3	467	1,026	2,053	3,079	6,158	10,263
1,700,000	121.3	242.5	485	1,067	2,134	3,201	6,402	10,670
1,800,000	126.3	252.5	505	1,111	2,222	3,333	6,666	11,110
2,000,000	135.3	271.3	543	1,194	2,387	3,581	7,161	11,935

These tables are based on the "Recommended Current Carrying Capacity of Cables." A power-factor = 1 was used in the calculation and hence the values found in the last table are correct for direct currents. For alternating currents the kilowatts given in both tables must be multiplied by the power-factor of the delivered load.

**TABLE IV.—EQUIVALENT CONDUCTOR AREAS
OF SINGLE CONDUCTORS OF ANY SIZE, FROM 0000 TO No. 15 IN A STATED
NUMBER OF SMALLER CONDUCTORS**

Size, B. & S. gage	In 2 Con- ductors	In 4 con- ductors	In 8 con- ductors	In 16 con- ductors	In 32 con- ductors	In 64 con- ductors	In 2 con- ductors, one each of:
0000	No. 0	No. 3	No. 6	No. 9	No. 12	No. 15	Nos. 00 and 1
000	No. 1	No. 4	No. 7	No. 10	No. 13	No. 16	Nos. 0 and 2
00	No. 2	No. 5	No. 8	No. 11	No. 14	No. 17	Nos. 1 and 3
0	No. 3	No. 6	No. 9	No. 12	No. 15	No. 18	Nos. 2 and 4
1	No. 4	No. 7	No. 10	No. 13	No. 16	.....	Nos. 3 and 5
2	No. 5	No. 8	No. 11	No. 14	No. 17	.....	Nos. 4 and 6
3	No. 6	No. 9	No. 12	No. 15	No. 18	.....	Nos. 5 and 7
4	No. 7	No. 10	No. 13	No. 16	.....	.....	Nos. 6 and 8
5	No. 8	No. 11	No. 14	No. 17	.....	.....	Nos. 7 and 9
6	No. 9	No. 12	No. 15	No. 18	.....	.....	Nos. 8 and 10
7	No. 10	No. 13	No. 16	.....	.....	.....	Nos. 9 and 11
8	No. 11	No. 14	No. 17	.....	.....	.....	Nos. 10 and 12
9	No. 12	No. 15	No. 18	.....	.....	.....	Nos. 11 and 13
10	No. 13	No. 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nos. 12 and 14
11	No. 14	No. 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nos. 13 and 15
12	No. 15	No. 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nos. 14 and 16
13	No. 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nos. 15 and 17
14	No. 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nos. 16 and 18
15	No. 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

For the same temperature rise more current can be carried by using divided circuits, and the greater the number of divided circuits for the same equivalent cross section, the greater the amount of current that can be carried. (See Table of Carrying Capacities.)

TABLE V.—SIZE AND WEIGHT OF STANDARD COPPER AND ALUMINUM WIRES

Size B. & S.	Circular mils	Diameter inches	Lb. per mile ¹	
			Copper	Aluminum
.....	1,000,000	1.152	16,140	4,870
.....	900,000	1.092	14,530	4,380
.....	800,000	1.035	12,910	3,890
.....	700,000	0.963	11,300	3,410
.....	600,000	0.891	9,690	2,920
.....	500,000	0.819	8,070	2,430
.....	450,000	0.770	7,260	2,190
.....	400,000	0.728	6,460	1,947
.....	350,000	0.679	5,650	1,703
.....	300,000	0.630	4,840	1,460
.....	250,000	0.590	4,040	1,217
0000	211,600	0.530	3,420	1,030
000	167,800	0.470	2,710	817
00	133,100	0.420	2,150	648
0	105,500	0.375	1,703	513
1	83,690	0.330	1,351	407
2	66,370	0.291	1,071	323
4	41,740	0.231	674	203
6	26,250	0.183	420	128

¹ Increased 1 per cent. over weight of solid wire on account of stranding.

TABLE VI.—WATTS PER FOOT LOST IN SINGLE-CONDUCTOR CABLES AT DIFFERENT MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE WITH DIFFERENT CURRENTS

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Size, B. & S. gage	Current in amperes					
6	66	81	93	104	114	123
5	74	91	105	117	128	138
4	84	102	117	131	144	153
3	93	114	132	148	161	175
2	105	128	148	166	181	196
1	118	148	166	186	203	220
0	132	162	187	209	228	247
00	149	181	210	235	256	277
000	166	204	235	263	288	311
0000	186	229	264	295	323	350
Cir. mils						
300,000	222	273	315	352	385	416
400,000	248	315	363	406	445	480
500,000	288	352	406	455	498	537
600,000	315	385	445	497	545	587
700,000	341	416	480	538	588	635
800,000	364	446	514	575	628	679
900,000	386	473	545	610	666	720
1,000,000	407	498	575	642	703	758
1,100,000	426	522	602	674	736	796
1,200,000	446	546	630	705	772	833
1,300,000	462	568	655	732	802	866
1,400,000	480	590	681	761	834	900
1,500,000	496	610	704	788	862	931
1,600,000	512	629	726	812	889	960
1,700,000	529	649	750	837	916	990
1,800,000	543	667	770	862	943	1,018
1,900,000	557	686	792	886	970	1,048
2,000,000	573	705	813	910	995	1,075
Temp. of cond. in degrees F.	Watts lost per foot					
100	1.81	2.71	3.62	4.52	5.43	6.33
125	1.91	2.87	3.82	4.78	5.73	6.69
150	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00

The watts lost per foot means the amount of electric power lost in heating the conductor, and is equal to the product of the resistance per foot of cable times the square of the current in amperes.

For two-conductor cables the watts corresponding to the different currents must be multiplied by two, and to obtain the currents corresponding to the watts in the table, multiply the currents given in the table by 0.707.

For three-conductor cables the watts corresponding to the currents in the table must be multiplied by 3, and to obtain the currents corresponding to the watts in the table, multiply the currents given in the table by 0.577.

TABLE VII.—PER CENT. POWER LOSS PER MILE PER THOUSAND KILOWATTS DELIVERED THREE-PHASE SYSTEM,
COPPER WIRE, UNITY POWER FACTOR
(H. PENDER, Proc. A. I. E.E., June, 1908)

Size B. & S.	Cir. mils	Pounds per mile 3 stranded wires		Kilovolts delivered									
		Copper	Alumi- num	2	6	10	20	30	40	50	60	80	100
	500,000	24,200	7,290	2.7	0.31	0.11	0.027	0.012	0.0069	0.0044	0.0031	0.0017	0.0011
	450,000	21,700	6,500	3.1	0.34	0.12	0.031	0.014	0.0076	0.0049	0.0034	0.0019	0.0012
	400,000	19,300	5,830	3.4	0.38	0.14	0.034	0.015	0.0086	0.0055	0.0038	0.0021	0.0014
	350,000	16,900	5,100	3.9	0.44	0.16	0.039	0.017	0.0098	0.0063	0.0044	0.0025	0.0016
	300,000	14,500	4,370	4.6	0.51	0.18	0.046	0.020	0.011	0.0073	0.0051	0.0029	0.0018
	250,000	12,100	3,650	5.5	0.61	0.22	0.055	0.024	0.014	0.0088	0.0061	0.0034	0.0022
0000	211,600	10,200	3,080	6.5	0.72	0.26	0.065	0.029	0.016	0.010	0.0072	0.0041	0.0026
000	167,800	8,130	2,450	8.2	0.91	0.33	0.082	0.036	0.020	0.013	0.0091	0.0051	0.0033
00	133,100	6,430	1,940	10	1.1	0.41	0.10	0.046	0.026	0.016	0.011	0.0064	0.0041
0	105,500	5,100	1,540	13	1.4	0.52	0.13	0.058	0.033	0.021	0.014	0.0081	0.0052
1	83,600	4,040	1,220	16	1.8	0.65	0.16	0.072	0.041	0.026	0.018	0.010	0.0065
2	66,370	3,220	969	21	2.3	0.83	0.21	0.092	0.052	0.033	0.023	0.013	0.0083
3	52,630	2,540	768	26	2.9	1.0	0.26	0.12	0.065	0.042	0.029	0.016	0.010
4	41,740	2,010	609	33	3.7	1.3	0.33	0.15	0.082	0.053	0.037	0.021	0.013
5	33,100	2,002	.....	41	4.6	1.7	0.41	0.18	0.10	0.066	0.046	0.026	0.017
6	26,250	1,587	.....	52	5.8	2.1	0.52	0.23	0.13	0.084	0.058	0.033	0.021

Table VII, giving the per cent. power loss per mile per 1000 kw. delivered at unity power factor over a three-phase copper line, will be found useful in determining the size of wire required to transmit a given amount of power under given conditions:

Note.—The foregoing table is calculated for copper wire and unity power factor. The size wire to use under other conditions can be readily found by determining from the table the size of copper wire to use in case the power factory were unity and then for the actual conditions select a wire as follows:

For copper wire and

90 per cent. power factor, take a wire of 25 per cent. greater cross section (on B. & S. gage a wire larger by one number).

80 per cent. power factor, take a wire of 60 per cent. greater cross section (on B. & S. gage a wire larger by two numbers).

For aluminum wire and

100 per cent. power factor take a wire of 60 per cent. greater cross section (on B. & S. gage a wire larger by two numbers).

90 per cent. power factor, take a wire of twice the cross section (on B. & S. gage a wire larger by three numbers).

80 per cent. power factor, take a wire of two and one-half times the cross section (on B. & S. gage a wire larger by four numbers).

For any voltage not given in the table,

the size wire to use can be readily determined by remembering that the cross section for a given per cent. power loss varies inversely as the square of the voltage, e.g., for 11 kilovolts delivered multiply the cross section corresponding to 10 kilovolts by $10/11 = 0.83$.

Example: 20,000 kilowatts is to be transmitted 30 miles over a three-phase system with a total loss in the line of 10 per cent. of the power delivered, the delivered pressure to be 60,000 volts; to find the size wire required.

The power loss per mile per 1000 kw. delivered is

$$\frac{10}{30 \times 20} = 0.017 \text{ per cent.}$$

From the table the nearest size copper wire corresponding to 60 kilovolts and a loss of 0.017 per cent. is No. 1 B. & S. (this will give a total loss slightly greater than 10 per cent.). If the power factor of the load at the end of the line is 90 per cent., No. 0 copper should be used (see note below table); if the power factor is 80 per cent. No. 00 wire should be used.

If aluminum is to be used, the size wire under the various conditions would be for unity power factor, No. 00; for 90 per cent. power factor, No. 000; and for 80 per cent. power factor, No. 0000.

TABLE VIII.—REACTANCE PER MILE OF A NO. 0000 B. & S. WIRE— X_1
(H. PENDER, *Electrical World*, June 10, 1909)

Distance apart of wires in feet	15 cycles	25 cycles	40 cycles	60 cycles	125 cycles
1	0.128	0.213	0.340	0.510	1.063
2	0.149	0.248	0.396	0.594	1.328
3	0.161	0.268	0.429	0.644	1.341
4	0.170	0.283	0.452	0.678	1.413
5	0.176	0.294	0.470	0.705	1.470
6	0.182	0.303	0.485	0.728	1.516
7	0.187	0.311	0.498	0.746	1.555
8	0.191	0.318	0.508	0.763	1.589
9	0.194	0.324	0.518	0.777	1.618
10	0.197	0.329	0.526	0.790	1.645
15	0.210	0.350	0.559	0.839	1.748
20	0.218	0.364	0.582	0.874	1.820
25	0.225	0.375	0.601	0.901	1.877

TABLE IX.—RESISTANCE PER MILE OF COPPER AND ALUMINUM STRANDED WIRES AND REACTANCE INCREMENT¹ X_2
(H. PENDER, *Electrical World*, June 10, 1909)

Size circ. mils. and B. & S.	Ohms per mile at 20° C. ¹		Difference ² in reactance per mile of any size wire and that of a No. 0000 B. & S. wire = X_2				
	Copper	Alum'm.	15 cy.	25 cy.	40 cy.	60 cy.	125 cy.
1,000,000	0.0566	0.0894	-.024	-.039	-.063	-.094	-.196
900,000	0.0629	0.0993	-.022	-.037	-.059	-.088	-.183
800,000	0.0707	0.1118	-.020	-.034	-.054	-.081	-.168
700,000	0.0808	0.1278	-.018	-.030	-.048	-.073	-.152
600,000	0.0943	0.1490	-.016	-.026	-.042	-.063	-.132
500,000	0.1131	0.1788	-.013	-.022	-.035	-.052	-.109
450,000	0.1257	0.1987	-.011	-.019	-.031	-.046	-.095
400,000	0.1414	0.224	-.010	-.016	-.026	-.039	-.080
350,000	0.1616	0.255	-.008	-.013	-.020	-.031	-.064
300,000	0.1886	0.298	-.005	-.009	-.014	-.021	-.044
250,000	0.226	0.358	-.003	-.004	-.007	-.010	-.021
No. 0000	0.267	0.423	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000
000	0.337	0.533	+.004	+.006	+.009	+.014	+.029
00	0.425	0.672	+.007	+.012	+.019	+.028	+.059
0	0.536	0.848	+.011	+.018	+.028	+.042	+.088
1	0.676	1.068	+.014	+.023	+.038	+.056	+.117
2	0.852	1.347	+.019	+.029	+.047	+.070	+.147
4	1.355	2.14	+.025	+.041	+.066	+.098	+.205
6	2.15	3.41	+.032	+.053	+.084	+.127	+.264

¹ Stranded wire, copper 98 per cent., aluminum 62 per cent. conductivity, resistance increased 1 per cent. on account of stranding; temperature coefficient, 0.42 per cent. per degree Centigrade.

² The total reactance of a wire for any spacing and frequency is $x = x_1 + x_2$, where x_1 = the reactance of a No. 0000 wire under the same conditions.

TABLE X.—CAPACITY SUSCEPTANCE PER MILE OF TWO PARALLEL STRANDED AERIAL WIRES, FREQUENCY ONE CYCLE SECOND

(H. PENDER, *Electrical World*, June 10, 1909)
Susceptance between wires = b_1 .

Size circ. mil. and B. & S.	1	2	3	4	6	8	10	12
1,000,000	9.3×10^{-8}	7.5×10^{-8}	6.8×10^{-8}	6.3×10^{-8}	5.8×10^{-8}	5.5×10^{-8}	5.3×10^{-8}	5.1×10^{-8}
500,000	8.3×10^{-8}	6.9×10^{-8}	6.3×10^{-8}	5.9×10^{-8}	5.4×10^{-8}	5.2×10^{-8}	4.9×10^{-8}	4.8×10^{-8}
250,000	7.5×10^{-8}	6.3×10^{-8}	5.8×10^{-8}	5.5×10^{-8}	5.1×10^{-8}	4.9×10^{-8}	4.7×10^{-8}	4.5×10^{-8}
No. 0000	7.4×10^{-8}	6.2×10^{-8}	5.7×10^{-8}	5.4×10^{-8}	5.0×10^{-8}	4.8×10^{-8}	4.6×10^{-8}	4.5×10^{-8}
1	6.6×10^{-8}	5.6×10^{-8}	5.2×10^{-8}	5.0×10^{-8}	4.6×10^{-8}	4.4×10^{-8}	4.3×10^{-8}	4.1×10^{-8}
6	5.8×10^{-8}	5.0×10^{-8}	4.7×10^{-8}	4.5×10^{-8}	4.2×10^{-8}	4.0×10^{-8}	3.9×10^{-8}	3.8×10^{-8}

Note.—The charging current per mile of single-phase line (2 miles of wire) is equal to $bmE \times 10^3$ for a three-phase line the charging current per wire per mile of line (3 miles of wire) is equal to $1.16 \times 10^3 nbE$, where n is the cycles per second, E the kilovolts between wires.

TABLE XI.—RUBBER-COVERED WIRE
INSULATION FOR VOLTAGES BETWEEN 0 AND 600, AS RECOMMENDED BY NATIONAL
BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS

B. & S. gage	Thickness
18 to 16.....	$\frac{1}{16}$ inch
15 to 8.....	$\frac{3}{32}$ inch
7 to 2.....	$\frac{1}{8}$ inch
1 to 0000.....	$\frac{5}{32}$ inch
Circ. mils.	
250,000 to 500,000.....	$\frac{3}{16}$ inch
500,000 to 1,000,000.....	$\frac{7}{16}$ inch
Over 1,000,000.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch

TABLE XII.—INSULATION FOR VOLTAGES BETWEEN
600 AND 3500

B. & S. gage	Thickness
14 to 1.....	$\frac{3}{16}$ inch
0 to 0000.....	$\frac{3}{8}$ inch covered by tap or braid
Circ. mils.	
250,000 to 500,000.....	$\frac{3}{16}$ inch, covered by tap or braid
Over 500,000.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch, covered by tap or braid

TABLE XIII.—VARNISHED CAMBRIC INSULATED CABLES (GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.)

Size, B. & S gage	SINGLE CONDUCTOR																	
	1,000 V. Working			3,000 V. Working			5,000 V. Working			7,000 V. Working			10,000 V. Working			15,000 V. Working		
	Thick. insul. ins.	Thick. lead, ins.	Dia. in ins.	Thick. insul. ins.	Thick. lead, ins.	Dia. in ins.	Thick. insul. ins.	Thick. lead, ins.	Dia. in ins.	Thick. insul. ins.	Thick. lead, ins.	Dia. in ins.	Thick. insul. ins.	Thick. lead, ins.	Dia. in ins.	Thick. insul. ins.	Thick. lead, ins.	Dia. in ins.
Solid	6	$\frac{1}{16}$	0.40	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	0.46	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.55	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.68	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.80	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.05
Strand	4	$\frac{1}{16}$	0.44	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.50	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.63	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.72	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.84	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.10
	6	$\frac{1}{16}$	0.42	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.48	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.57	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.70	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.84	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.08
	4	$\frac{1}{16}$	0.47	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.53	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.65	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.75	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.87	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.12
	2	$\frac{1}{16}$	0.56	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.62	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.71	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.81	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.96	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.18
	1	$\frac{1}{8}$	0.63	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.66	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.79	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.88	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.04	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.29
	0	$\frac{1}{8}$	0.67	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.70	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.86	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.95	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.08	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.33
	00	$\frac{1}{8}$	0.72	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.75	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.94	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.00	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.12	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.37
	000	$\frac{1}{8}$	0.77	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.83	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.99	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.05	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.17	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.42
Cir. Mils.	0000	$\frac{1}{8}$	0.89	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	0.92	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.04	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.11	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.23	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.48
	250,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	0.97	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.00	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.09	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.15	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.28	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.53
	300,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	1.03	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.09	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.15	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.24	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.38	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.63
	400,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	1.12	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.16	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.24	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.36	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.48	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.73
	500,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	1.21	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.27	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.33	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.46	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.57	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.82
	750,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	1.42	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.45	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.58	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.67	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.80	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.05
	1,000,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	1.58	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.61	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.73	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.85	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.96	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.23
	1,250,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	1.78	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.77	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.93	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.05	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.15	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.40
	1,500,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	1.93	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.93	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.15	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.23	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.33	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.58
	2,000,000	$\frac{3}{16}$	2.15	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	2.15	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.33	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.40	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.50	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.75

The columns with "Dia. in Ins." is over all diameter of the finished cable and is approximately the same for either braided or leaded.

TABLE XIV.—VARNISHED CAMBRIC INSULATED CABLES (GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.)
TRIPLE CONDUCTORS
(All dimensions given in inches)

Size. B. & S. gauge	1,000 V. Working			3,000 V. Working			5,000 V. Working			7,000 V. Working			10,000 V. Working			15,000 V. Working		
	Thick. insul.	Thick. lead.	Dia.	Thick. insul.	Thick. lead.	Dia.	Thick. insul.	Thick. lead.	Dia.	Thick. insul.	Thick. lead.	Dia.	Thick. insul.	Thick. lead.	Dia.	Thick. insul.	Thick. lead.	Dia.
6	$\frac{1}{16}$ — $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	0.87	$\frac{5}{16}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.03	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1.20	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.42	$\frac{5}{8}$ — $\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	1.62	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.82
4	$\frac{1}{8}$ — $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.97	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.14	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.30	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.53	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.73	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.92
2	$\frac{1}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.17	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.27	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.43	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.66	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.86	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.11
1	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.25	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.38	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.55	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.81	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.10	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.30
0	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.34	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.50	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.64	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.89	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.19	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.39
00	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.47	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.60	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.74	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.99	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.29	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.48
000	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.58	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.78	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.91	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2.10	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.40	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.59
0000	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.84	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.97	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2.03	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2.23	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.52	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.72
250,000	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1.97	$\frac{3}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2.07	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2.13	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2.33	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.63	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.82

Under "Thickness of Insulation," the first column is the thickness of insulation on each conductor and the second column is the thickness over all.
The column "Diameter" is the over-all diameter of the finished cable and is approximately the same for either braided or leaded.

TABLE XV.—SPARKING DISTANCES

The following table gives the sparking distances between sharp points corresponding to different alternating current voltages when the ratio between maximum and mean effective voltages is $\sqrt{2} = 1.41$. The values given were derived from experiments made by the Standard Underground Cable Co.

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Volts	Spark distance, A or B	Volts	Spark distance		Volts	Spark distance	
			A	B		A	B
1,000	0.028	21,000	1.092	1.097	44,000	2.370	2.506
2,000	0.098	22,000	1.143	1.150	45,000	2.432	2.580
3,000	0.159	23,000	1.195	1.206	46,000	2.495	2.60
4,000	0.216	24,000	1.247	1.260	47,000	2.560	.....
5,000	0.270	25,000	1.300	1.314	48,000	2.625	.....
6,000	0.324	26,000	1.353	1.373	49,000	2.692	.....
7,000	0.378	27,000	1.405	1.427	50,000	2.760	.....
8,000	0.432	28,000	1.460	1.485			
9,000	0.487	29,000	1.512	1.540			
10,000	0.540	30,000	1.566	1.600	AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS' TABLE		
11,000	0.595	31,000	1.620	1.655			
12,000	0.644	32,000	1.675	1.712			
13,000	0.695	33,000	1.728	1.772			
14,000	0.746	34,000	1.785	1.833			
15,000	0.797	35,000	1.840	1.895	Volts	Spark distance	
16,000	0.845	36,000	1.900	1.958			
17,000	0.897	37,000	1.945	2.020			
18,000	0.945	38,000	2.012	2.085			
19,000	0.995	39,000	2.062	2.153	10,000	0.47	
20,000	1.042	40,000	2.127	2.220	20,000	1.04	
.....	.....	41,000	2.190	2.290	25,000	1.30	
.....	.....	42,000	2.247	2.360	30,000	1.625	
.....	.....	43,000	2.308	2.434	40,000	2.45	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45,000	2.95	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50,000	3.55	

Column "A" gives spark distance with 10-in. concave metallic shields, the plane of whose edges was 1 in. back of the needle points.

Column "B" gives the spark distance without shields.

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